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[illegible] CLEMENTS postmaster at Blue Mound is our authorized agent at that place [illegible] subscriptions and receipt for the subscribers who receive their papers at [illegible] office can learn the amount of their [illegible] by enquiring of Mr Clements

LOCAL JOTTINGS.

[illegible] is abundant and cheap

[illegible] are only five cents per

STRAWBERRIES [illegible] selling at 30 cents [illegible] quart

[illegible] to [illegible] and save money

[illegible] selling at from 10 to 25 cts [illegible] head

GREAT REDUCTION in prices of druggists [illegible] Irwin's west of Postoffice

[illegible] some cases of lung fever [illegible] but as a general thing the health [illegible] is good

[illegible] anxiously inquiring about [illegible] watching the bill boards [illegible] free show

[illegible] for successful [illegible] business [illegible] where there [illegible]

[illegible] fresh bread and hot rolls [illegible] They may be had every [illegible]

[illegible] Hall on Tuesday evening [illegible]

[illegible] Irwin the live druggist, for [illegible] notions and fancy goods

[illegible] from Illinois [illegible] in some parts [illegible] the land is too wet to plow [illegible] requires several days without rain [illegible] a suitable condition to be [illegible] while on high and rolling ground [illegible] corn has already been planted

[illegible] Hamsher wagons are making for [illegible] an enviable reputation in all [illegible] the country [illegible] leave orders at the factory on [illegible] street

The Conklin Brothers have several hundred acres of hemp growing just north of [illegible] from which they will stock their [illegible] factory next fall The fields in [illegible] the hemp is growing present a fine [illegible]

[illegible] has left its winter head[illegible] and is now on the [illegible] Whether or not Decatur lies [illegible] line of march we are not advised [illegible] should not be surprised to see the [illegible] in town almost any day

ASSESSOR [illegible] has started out on his [illegible] and as he meets our citizens [illegible] will be somewhat inquisitive as [illegible] temporal effects, but we presume [illegible] is clothed with official prerogatives, he will be respectfully received and questions by him propounded will be [illegible] without hesitation

[illegible] informed by our circuit clerk [illegible] the common law docket for the May [illegible] is exceedingly light Of course the [illegible] docket cannot be accurately [illegible] for the reason that there is no [illegible] what the grand jury may do They [illegible] forth considerable business [illegible] may not

OFFICER J H CARR of Rushville [illegible] who came here for the jail birds [illegible] yesterday got off with his men [illegible] by the 10 40 train He had [illegible] securely shackled, and doubtless [illegible] with them all night They [illegible] of being old hands in the [illegible] and the probability is that [illegible] go to the penitentiary that the expe[illegible] will not be altogether new to them

The telegraph wires is being put up on [illegible] posts set in the alley between [illegible] Main and North Water streets and [illegible] those on Prairie and Merchant [illegible] connecting them [illegible] new office The posts and wires [illegible] North Main street are to be taken [illegible]

We understand that some objection has [illegible] made by parties owning buildings [illegible] the route to the placing of tele[illegible]graph wires in the alley between Main and Water streets the objection being that the close proximity of the wires to buildings will subject them to a stronger liability of being struck by lightning than would be the case without it But it is claimed by scientific men that the wires [illegible] a protection to buildings near which they pass, rather than a source of danger

From Monday's Daily

TEMPERANCE MEETINGS.

The [illegible] afternoon temperance meeting came off at the court house and as usual was largely attended

D L Bunn Esq, presided and led the singing and Miss Nellie B Smith presided at the organ Prayer was offered by Rev C C Bruner

The principal address of the evening was delivered by Mrs Rob[illegible] Cittens, of Long Creek township who gave an address of very great interest in which the cause of temperance was advocated in a clear logical and forcible manner which must have carried conviction to the mind of every thoughtful and fair minded person in the audience The speaker compared intemperance to the small pox and thought that if the city council were to license a clothing dealer to sell clothing infected with this contagion that this step would excite no more [illegible] indignation than should the licensing of saloons She said that she would rather have her son brought home to her with this much dreaded disease upon him than to have him brought home drunk If brought home with the disease upon him in case he lived it would only leave its scar upon the flesh he would still be a man with his intellect unimpaired his honor unstained and love would still dwell in his heart but drunkenness would destroy his manhood impair his intellect and disgrace his name Several other pertinent and touching illustrations of the effects of the whisky traffic were introduced and from the first to the last the lecture was replete with excellent ideas which were set forth in language which showed the speaker to be a lady of education and culture — Though the language of the address was plain and pointed the production was characterized by a kind and gentle spirit which could not fail to win the respect of those who might differ in opinion from the views expressed The closest attention was paid to the lecture from the first to the last and none would have been weari[illegible] had another half hour been occupied Upon invitation several came forward and signed the pledge

By a unanimous vote Mrs Cittens was invited to deliver another address in two weeks so it is probable that those who failed to hear her last Saturday night can have the privilege at that time

AT THE MOUND

The Mound school house was well filled by the people [illegible] Sunday afternoon who came together for the purpose of holding a temperance meeting The seats in the house were all occupied and quite a number failed to get seats and listened at the door The meeting was addressed by Mr Talbot of Chicago Capt W F Lingham and others At the regular meeting of the Union for the neighborhood, held on Saturday night Mr Holman made an excellent speech — At the meeting yesterday two new signatures were secured to the pledge

A CARD

It is [illegible] understood by [illegible] persons that I attend to Surgery and Chronic diseases *only*, and this card is [illegible] the purpose of correcting that impression When I came from Paris to Decatur I abandoned a large general practice and endeavored to recover my [illegible] wrecked and broken by overwork and for that reason I refused to do general business [illegible] nearly [illegible] years ago I resumed [illegible] and [illegible] that time I have [illegible] to attend to all kinds of professional business, day or night

Office [illegible] the street [illegible] Post [illegible] North Main st [illegible] surgery same as heretofore

R L WALSTON M D

April [illegible]

THE EARLY BIRD CATCHES THE WORM — Mr Gastman informs us that one of his stands of bees swarmed yesterday He says he has known of bees swarming in the latter part of May, but none of his own ever swarmed before June until yesterday Certainly the season is remarkably early, when bees swarm on the 29th of April

HARNESS STOLEN — Last night some thief entered the stable of Mr W F Busher on Macon street, and carried away a set of harness Nothing else about the premises was disturbed so far as has been discovered The thief entered through a small door that was not locked and in leaving left the large door open through which the horse might have been easily taken

SPREADING OUT — Kaufman & Bach[illegible] who run the Cheap Charley clothing house in this city have started a store at Macomb McDonough county in addition to sundry other stores at different points This is business, and indicates that the proprietors are men of genuine pluck in a business point of view

MAMMOTH ASPARAGUS — Mr Louis Westermann, of Linn & Scruggs dry goods house received this morning from his brother Hugo at Belleville, a box of asparagus grown by the latter, which, for size and beauty surpasses any we have ever seen The stalks are a foot in length, and many of them an inch in diameter—all perfectly white and tender — This asparagus brings a high price in the St Louis market for which it is grown

If you want the *best* corn planter buy the Climax for sale by W L Ferguson, 71 North Water street apr 11 w4t

CLIPPINGS FROM ATWOOD.

ATWOOD, ILL, April 29, 1878

EDITORS REPUBLICAN —It was Charles Dehaven and John Devine two frisky cusses of the light fingered persuasion, who paid our town a visit in the wee small hours of last Friday night and went through Mr W R Marshall's jewelry and watch repairing establishment, and through Mr R Helton's notion department, and finished off their job by taking [illegible] belonging to Andrew Kepler's man of your place They pursued the parties, who took a southeasterly course over the mud roads and yesterday (Sunday) they got the above named gents hemmed into a bayou that makes into the Okaw river at a place known as Frog Eye about five miles west and south of Arcola Illinois They [illegible] the [illegible] in the timber near the residence of one Risty who entered into the chase and crowded them so close that they cast their hand sacks in the brush and took to the water and got on to an island at the mouth of the bayou above named and laid down in the water behind some logs and keeping only their heads above water they were taken in that condition They were brought back here this morning with all of the goods except what they had traded off for their grub and lodging They were arraigned before J W Bennett J P, and they plead guilty and waived an examination Whilst the commitment papers are being made out, Mr R Adams who helped to catch one the prisoners received a dispatch from Mr P M Moore States Attorney of Douglas county to hold the prisoners as they are wanted there for some other offence it is presumed

OBSERVER

From Monday's Daily

THE ALARM — Yesterday afternoon about three o'clock, an alarm of fire was sounded, occasioned by the partial burning of a wood house on the premises of J R Race, Esq It is thought that the fire took from hot ashes that had been placed in an ash hopper in the building The inside of the house was considerably burned as was also the roof, but the timely presence of the fire companies and a liberal dash of several streams of water, soon brought the flames under control and prevented the fire from spreading to any other building The [illegible] will not exceed one hundred dollars

Mr Race desires to express his sincere thanks to the firemen and the citizens generally for their prompt assistance in extinguishing the flames and also for the care taken to do no injury to anything in the yard and about the premise

As a caution to others it may be well to say that the ashes which set fire to the house were taken from the stove on Friday morning and had been kept in an iron bucket since that time and were put into the wooden ash hopper yesterday morning, showing that coals of fire will live a long time when buried in ashes

STRUCK BY LIGHTNING —On last Monday evening the residence of Mr James Foley about two miles southwest of Decatur was visited by a severe stroke of lightning which shocked the family severely, but fortunately for the inmates the house was guarded by one of Rayburn Hunter's Star Rods, put up on the circuit plan The points were badly fused and the sharp edges of the scrolls on the rods were fused in spots the paint upon the house was [illegible] and the fluid upon entering the ground spattered the building some [illegible] feet away Two distinct shocks were felt by the family Mr Tooley says that it was with considerable reluctance that he consented to let Mr A Bradley the agent put up the rod He is now well satisfied and feels assured that if his house had been without the rod it would have been burned and probably some of his family injured or killed

Why Did he Do It?

EDITORS REPUBLICAN —If Alderman Overman had intended, as he stated at the called meeting on Monday evening to offer a resolution at the next regular meeting of the council abolishing the office of city attorney why did he vote against abolishing this office at the called meeting? Was it simply for the satisfaction of opposing what seemed to be the wish of the majority

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A FINE BOUQUET —Our thanks are due Mrs H W Waggoner for the handsomest bouquet we have seen this season Nearly all the flowers composing this beautiful collection are from Mrs W's conservatory which is one of the finest in the city Among the flowers are azaleas geraniums, fuchsias [illegible] and other choice specimens Mrs Waggoner will please consider our hat tipped in the most graceful manner

Corn Planter.—We are very glad to learn that the old reliable CLIMAX Corn Planter, which has a world wide reputation is being the lightest running and best drop in use is sold by W L Ferguson, 71 North Water street

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When You Buy Homeopathic Medicines be sure you get the regular preparations such as physicians use A full line of these on hand from Luyties Homeopathic Pharmacy St Louis Mo For sale by Hubbard & Swearingen, Decatur, Ills

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For the Decatur REPUBLICAN

IN MEMORY OF MISS ALICE POWERS

Death hath reaped another flower
Fair and young in dewy years,
And its withered petals slumber
In the earth, embalmed with tears

Slowly ebbed her life till Mercy
Quenched the beauty of her eye,
And her airy substance fleeting
Rose like incense to the sky

Heard ye not the spirits calling,
Beckoning with their viewless hands,
Heard ye not their footsteps ringing
On the distant shadow lands?

Heard ye not the summons rising
O'er the grave's oblivious night,
Sister spirit we are waiting
Waiting on the shores of light?'

She was all too pure and lovely
For a tenement of clay
And her spirit felt the sunshine
Of [illegible] immortal day

She hath vanished like a glory
Like a bird of passage flown,
[illegible] a land where tongues of [illegible]
Are unspoken and unknown

Yet perhaps, where she doth wander
Like some sympathizing star
She may often bend her glances
On her cherished ones afar

And may breathe a silent blessing
From her holy lips of love
Till the wings of Peace lie brooding
On their bosoms like a dove

Oh! how brief our sweet possessing,
How our fondest love is slain
For the beings that are dearest
Perish as the summer rain

[illegible] sad yet needful lesson
By a Father wise and kind
That our thoughts may turn to heaven
From the earthly things behind

And when we are bowed by anguish
To the dust of dark despair;
Hope may teach us we are always
Children of His constant care

Weep not then, ye have not buried
All ye knew beneath the sod
For the angel that was in her
Hath a refuge with her God

GEBHARDT SCHICK

DECATUR ILL April 27th 1878

From Wednesday's Daily

BURGLARY —The saloon of Toby Kilmel on South Main street was burglarized last night the thieves gaining entrance by cutting out the sash of the back door It is not known how much plunder the thieves got away with but they cleaned the money drawer of what change was left in it—some three dollars—and also took a box of cigars a lot of lemons a glass decanter, a gold locket, and Toby says "I don't know how much whisky" No clue to the robbers who are probably having a high old drunk to day over their stolen plunder

HELD TO BAIL —Yesterday we made allusion to an unpleasantness which had arisen between a couple of colored women on West Main street on account of one charging the other with having taken about three dollars in money from her — This morning the woman who lost the money swore out a warrant against the other and had her brought before Justice Curtis on a charge of larceny The complainant's name is Mrs Walker and that of the defendant Melvin Upon hearing the case the court held the latter to bail in the sum of one hundred dollars, in default of which she was committed

From Tuesday's Daily

TAKEN BY REQUISITION —To day Deputy Sheriff J H Carr, from Rushville, Ind came to Decatur with a requisition from the governor of Indiana approved by Gov Cullom of this state for the three men who were arrested a week or two ago by Marshal Haworth and Officer Reibsa[illegible] men on suspicion of having in their possession a lot of jewelry and other trinkets The Indiana officer visited the jail in company with Officer Brockway and upon examining the clothing worn by the fellows identified it as consisting of articles stolen from a clothing store at Rushville He also identified the private mark on the jewelry as being that of a dealer in the town named He says he has a clean case for the penitentiary on all three of the men He will leave with them for Rushville by the 10 40 train to night

AWAITING ORDERS —The boys belonging to the Grenadiers and Guard are expecting to be ordered to Chicago They say they are ready for field duty and only await the call to fall into line swing their knapsacks over their shoulders and be off to the war How they would feel if called to face five or six thousand well armed, and thoroughly drilled communists is another thing but they think they could face the enemy without flinching

'ITCHING PILES

I WAS A GREAT SUFFERER from Itching Piles the itching at times was almost intolerable, particularly at night when undressing or after getting warm in bed I tried prescriptions almost innumerable without finding any permanent relief, until I used Swayne's All healing Ointment, which has made a perfect cure —Joseph W Christ (firm of Roedel & Christ) boot and shoe house 344 North Second street Philadelphia Reader, if you are suffering with this distressing complaint, or any scaly crusty skin disease tetter &c use Swayne's Ointment and be cured Fifty cents a box Address letters to DR SWAYNE & SON Philadelphia All leading druggists sell it Dr Swayne's Medicines have a world wide reputation [apr22d1y eod

A large lot of Hamburg Edgings, just received and very cheap at

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EDUCATIONAL COLUMN.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS All subject matter intended for this column should be addressed to I E Brown or Miss M F Fulton, Decatur, or J Trainer Blue Mound Ill]

ELOCUTION

The following extract from a letter in the hands of the county superintendent will be of interest to those persons who intend to be present during the session of the Annual Institute this summer

WASHINGTON, ILL, April 19 1878

J TRAINER, Esq, Blue Mound Ill

Dear Sir —In answer to your letter of the 19th inst requesting me to take charge of one of your classes in Grammar at the approaching Institute, I have the following reply to make I have concluded to take the class and will do all in my power to help make your Institute a success I think that perhaps two or three of my teachers will attend it

I send regards to my former pupils, and shall be pleased to have them in my class again this summer In order that all may receive the highest possible benefit from the instruction I shall allow no class to contain more than ten members, and those who desire to give the subject of Elocution special attention will be given an opportunity to take private lessons

Yours truly R McCAY

TO TEACHERS

Teachers and friends of education are asking us almost daily, whether we have raised the grade of teachers certificates or not We invariably answer not yet Now we do not wish to be arbitrary but we are of the opinion that the *grade is too low*

During the last four months over *two hundred* persons have made application for certificates, and out of that number we are safe in saying that not *one fourth* gave any attention to *form* and *method* of expression in giving their answers to the topics under consideration Candidates were especially requested to indent the first word of every paragraph, make the proper use of capitals, etc while we are glad to say that out of the above number *forty five* or *fifty* did make a good showing fully *three fourths* did not At each examination candidates were requested to syllabicate and mark the accent of each word given in the exercise on Orthography, yet only a very small number made any attempt to note the work as indicated above This will suffice at the present to give you an idea of the present standing of the grade

Fellow teachers, what is there in an education of more vast importance than *form* and *method* in our work? Will the child follow in the footsteps of the teacher, or will he, of his *own* accord, take hold of these essentials and perfect himself in their proper use If the teacher when doing simple work is so very careless what must be the work in the school room where he is not under the supervision of any one in authority

We propose to keep the work of *candidates* for such time as their *certificates* may be valid and most sincerely ask directors and those concerned in the hiring of teachers to call and see for themselves the work done by *your* applicant for the school Are school officers willing to submit their *own* children to the care of those who are not capable of doing good and careful work themselves? If not are you willing to entrust the guidance of the whole district to the training of those who are themselves not well trained?

We have spoken thus plainly in order to make you understand the situation of affairs concerning this important question and will close by asking you to freely and candidly give us your views on this subject

We invite teachers and directors or any who feel an interest in the education of our youth to make free use of our Educational Column to give us their opinion JOHN TRAINER

MONTHLY INSTITUTE

The Teachers Association will convene next Saturday at 1 o'clock p m, in the grand jury room The county superintendent promises not to spoil J A Gastman's speech on the Laws of Health this time and also proposes to present to each member of the Association a medley — Come out and get one Don't tell any one what it is but come and see [illegible]

From Tuesday's Daily

HIP BONE BROKEN —Everybody knows Aunt Judy Oglesby who has her home with F LeCollum Esq circuit clerk and is an aunt of Senator Oglesby and also of Mrs McCollum Last evening about sunset the old lady who has reached an age something over 80 years was coming down the front stairs at the residence of Mr M and when within about three steps of the bottom of the stairway she by some means made a misstep and fell to the floor in the hall The noise occasioned by her fall attracted the attention of the family who went to her relief, when it at once became evident that she was quite seriously hurt She was placed upon the bed and surgical assistance was called, when upon examination it was found that her shoulder was badly hurt, and one hip bone fractured On account of her advanced age it can hardly be expected that Mrs O will ever be able to walk again, indeed, fears are entertained that she may not long survive her injuries

To Bee Keepers —I expect an invoice of Italian Queens from Louisiana, on Saturday, May 4th Price, $1 50 each

April 30—d2t w1 E A GASTMAN

THE NEW PLANING MILL

Yesterday afternoon the new lumber firm of Lyon, Gipson & Co staked out the ground for their new planing mill, at the corner of Broadway and Cerro Gordo streets The lot purchased as a site for the mill, 150 by 102 feet in area extends from Cerro Gordo street north to the Wabash railroad track The building proposed to be erected is to be 28x42 feet in dimensions, and two stories high, with an addition of sufficient size for an engine room

The business to be carried on by the firm is to be that of general planing and the manufacture of doors, sash and blinds There will also be a general lumber yard connected with the concern

The proprietors are thorough mechanics, and understand what the market requires in their line Everybody will wish the new enterprise the largest success The mill will be in operation in about thirty days

The opening of this establishment will meet a want which has been felt ever since the suspension of the establishment of Elwood & Co and the gentlemen who have the matter in hand are well known to the people of this city and vicinity as reliable business men, and as mechanics of long experience We wish the new firm the largest success

A WHOLESALE AGRICULTURAL WAREHOUSE —The large two story frame warehouse built by Mr James Millikin on the levee, between Cerro Gordo street and the Wabash railway track has been leased for five years by B F Avery & Sons of Louisville, Kentucky, manufacturers of Gang and Sulky Plows and a variety of other farming implements The parties leasing the building are now in possession and propose to use it as a wholesale warehouse for agricultural implements of their own manufacture They do not retail at all, but make this a distributing point for their wares Mr John Archer is their resident general agent in Decatur, and he informs us that he cannot procure goods from the factory at Louisville fast enough to fill the orders that come in Samples of the different articles made by this large establishment are kept constantly on hand

THE NEW QUARTERS —The office being fitted up on Prairie street for the use of the Western Union Telegraph Company is an exceedingly pleasant room, and is being fitted up in good shape with such furniture and appointments as will contribute to the convenience of the office Mr Will Newell the company's local agent in this city, is as proud of his new quarters as a boy would be of a new pair of red top boots and well he may be The proximity of the new office to the principal up town hotels, and to the post office is quite an important consideration

What a Tottering Fabric

Is a system depleted of vitality and irregular in its functions It is only judicious and prompt medication which can save it from a speedy and total collapse The tonic and regulating properties of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters particularly adapt that benign medicine to revive physical vigor and reform those bodily irregularities which are a barrier to its permanent restoration Biliousness and constipation are totally overcome by it, and the digestive activity and thorough assimilation which it promotes have the effect of increasing the vivifying and nourishing qualities of the blood The Bitters are also an excellent detergent of the vital current, since they communicate a healthy stimulus to the bladder and kidneys, which are the most important channels for the escape of its impurities Pure agreeable and of botanic origin, thorough and prompt but never violent in its action the reasons for the transcendent popularity of this medicine are both cogent and appreciable

'I DEEM IT MY DUTY

TO TELL THE WORLD what *Dr Swayne's Compound Syrup of Wild Cherry* has done for me I had a violent cough night sweats [illegible] throat great weakness with severe attacks of hemorrhage gave up all hope of recovery I am now cured [illegible] and hearty [illegible] Edward R Hanson engineer at Swayne's Pottery 138 Ridge avenue, Philadelphia Over twenty five years have elapsed and I still remain a healthy man Any one troubled with a cough or cold throat breast or lung affection will avoid much suffering and risk by using Dr Swayne's Compound Syrup of Wild Cherry [illegible] Two bottles 25 cents large bottles $1 Sold by leading druggists Prepared only by Dr SWAYNE & SON Philadelphia

April [illegible] 1878 d1y eod

FESTIVAL —The Good Templars are arranging for a most enjoyable affair in the shape of an ice cream and strawberry festival having fixed upon Tuesday evening May 7th as the time This being the first entertainment of the kind of the season they will doubtless receive a liberal patronage

If you have a friend who is troubled with a Cough or Cold, tell him to try Dr Marshall's Lung Syrup He will thank you for your advice It only costs 25 cts a bottle Sold by all druggists

May 1—d&w1w

Buckskin Cassimeres, the best and cheapest goods in the market for men and boys, at LINN & SCRUGGS

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THURSDAY, MAY 2, 1878.

THE RED FLAG.

Amidst all the other exciting questions of the day which serve to keep society in a ferment, close observers have not been able to lose sight of the fact that there is a strong communistic feeling springing up in the country, which threatens at no distant day to break out in disturbances akin to those which have blackened the history of France and other European countries. As a sample of the rapid growth of this pernicious element in the larger cities, take the history of communism in Chicago. The first organization of the Chicago commune was effected in 1873, in a saloon on Market street, the chief spirit in the movement at that time being an ex-scissors-grinder named Karl Klings. The membership then numbered about forty, and by 1875 had increased to 200. In 1877 the society had assumed such formidable proportions that the leaders—some of whom were not yet naturalized—insisted upon running a ticket for local officers, and the result of the election showed that 8,000 voters in the city of Chicago believed sufficiently in the dangerous tenets of the party to induce them to vote its ticket. At the late municipal election the communists elected one alderman, and came very near electing two others. Recent investigations show that the order is preparing for any contingency that may arise, and the police have discovered that the members have not less than a dozen halls in various portions of the city, in which they meet regularly for drill. Superintendent Hickey reports that the number of men who drill regularly in the various communistic halls of the city, reaches not less than 2,000, and that they are armed with Springfield and Enfield rifles. The superintendent has also proof that an agent of the commune has been sent to New York for more arms and ammunition. In the face of these facts Capt. Hickey beseeches good citizens to arouse and prepare themselves for the danger that threatens them. He says the police are not strong enough to cope with such a formidable opposition as the commune can offer in case of a conflict.

In view of the great danger which threatens the existence of our whole social fabric from the rapid growth of this poisonous element, it is peculiarly humiliating to see a great political party inviting the communistic leaders to high places in their deliberations, and inserting in their platform of principles whatever villainous doctrines are demanded as an equivalent for the votes of the communisis. At the recent Illinois state democratic convention there was no one bold enough to oppose by word or vote the demands of the revolutionary men sent down by the Chicago Commune to make terms with the Democracy of Illinois. So great was the anxiety of the democratic leaders for votes—and the spoils which those votes represent—that they were willing to enter into any sort of unholy alliance with the men who threaten to hoist the blood-red flag of the Commune in the chief city of the state, provided only that the said alliance shall bring votes to the Democratic party. We say that it is peculiarly humiliating to witness this action upon the part of a great political party at this time. One-half the years of the present generation have been marked with the footprints of war and bloodshed and desolation. The tears of the widow and her fatherless children are not yet dried, nor have the places made waste by the fierce presence of war yet begun to put on the brightness of peace and quiet. The whole land has been converted into one huge empire of sorrow and want, from every corner of which comes up the cry for a return to its normal condition of peace and plenty and happiness. In the presence of all this the Democratic party—hungering after the flesh-pots of office—reaches out a helping hand to the only remaining element of revolution and disorganization, and gives it the encouragement of an endorsement and the benefit of its assistance. It *is* humiliating to see a great political party thus groveling in the dirt for votes, and the people will be very sure to set their seal of condemnation upon it.

British shipping interests are depressed by the intimation that Russia will let loose a flock of privateers in case of war. Shipping associations are already taking steps with reference to the anticipated emergency.

Five pieces Tinware for One Dollar, at

It was the witty Tom Corwin, we believe, who used to say that "the biggest rascals always turn state's evidence." The remark has found a fresh verification in the "confession" of one McLin, a member of the Florida returning board in 1876, who now comes out and contritely owns up to the frauds which he and his fellows committed, in order to give the electoral vote of that state to Hayes and Wheeler. It is a remarkable fact, however, that this same McLin never became convinced of the heinousness of his crime until he failed to secure an appointment under the administration. When his repeated applications for place had all come to naught the consciousness of his great offense was clearly revealed to him, and, not having the courage of his great prototype, Judas, he did not seek oblivion through the kind offices of a rope, nor dish himself up as a choice tidbit for an alligator—but went to the nearest Democratic justice of the peace, *and confessed*. If Mr. McLin has told the truth he ought to be severely punished, but, like all cowards, he has probably secured immunity before "squealing," and the Democratic patriots are only too glad of an opportunity to engage in that which is nothing better than compounding a felony, provided there is a prospect that they may gain a partisan advantage thereby. It is a disreputable proceeding, no matter from what standpoint it may be viewed—so disreputable, indeed, that very few thoughtful people will be inclined to put much faith in the "confession" of the witness.

Senator Howe, of Wisconsin, has written a reply to an article in *Blackwood's* on "The Future of the Republican party in this Country. He maintains that the party has in it all the constituent elements of political strength that it ever had, and that it can become the controlling party of the nation if the management of the campaign is wise. Howe emphatically denies the allegation that he ever attacked President Lincoln, or any of his measures, and refers to his stand in all political conventions for Lincoln's support. The only time he ever spoke in the Senate upon any of Lincoln's measures was in 1862, upon a bill legalizing the call for troops, which he supported.

Bishop McCoskry has given up his trip to Europe, and will return to demand an investigation of the charges made by the Chicago *Times* against his character. Mr. Storey, of the *Times*, is gone, but may wish that he had imitated the Bishop's example, when he sees what a mess the "boys" he left in charge of his paper have made of it.

The following is the Bankrupt Repeal Bill, as passed by the House yesterday:

"That the bankrupt law approved June 2, 1867, (title 61, revised statutes) and all acts in amendment or supplementary thereto, or in explanation thereof, be and the same are hereby repealed; *provided*, that such repeal shall in no manner invalidate or affect any case in bankruptcy instituted and pending in any court prior to the day when this act shall take effect, but as to all such pending cases, and all future proceedings therein, and all penal actions and criminal proceedings arising therein, under acts hereby repealed, shall continue in full force and effect until the same shall be fully disposed of in the same manner as if said acts had not been repealed."

It leaks out that Mr. Frank Hurd, of the Toledo (Ohio) District, who was a member of the Forty-fourth Congress, is the one whom Sergeant-at-Arms Thompson has been accused of allowing to overdraw his account to the amount of $5,000. It appears that the story was common talk in Newspaper Row, at Washington, a year ago, but has now, for the first time, got into print, as it is alleged, through the indiscretion of one of Thompson's clerks. Thompson denies it, but if there is any truth in the story it ought certainly to be susceptible of proof. Mr. Glover's Smelling Committee ought not to be the less industrious because it is a Democrat they have in the toils.

A lively and interesting yarn comes from Cairo, Ill., respecting an individual of the colored persuasion, who for the last fifteen years has been turning white. The change in the color of his skin began fifteen years ago, in a spot the size of a three-cent piece, on his right wrist, and has been spreading steadily until now the only black left on his person are a few spots on his hands, and a mask, as it were, on his face, extending from his forehead to his mouth, with the exception of his eyebrows, which are white, the hair on them being black and straight like a white man's. The skin of his neck, head and body is a healthy flesh color like that of any white man's, and is tender and easily blistered by the sun, and his hair is getting straight like a white man's. The first impression upon seeing him is that his face has been painted with iodine, but his eyes are of the unmis-

From Saturday's Daily.

DANVILLE.

The Odd-Fellows' Celebration Yesterday

Yesterday was the 59th anniversary of the institution of odd fellowship in the United States, and the day was appropriately celebrated throughout the whole country. For the purposes of convenience in observing the day the order in Illinois some years since divided the state into districts, in each of which a celebration is held annually.—The anniversary exercises in the district of which Macon county forms a part were held this year in Danville, and the attendance was very large, delegations being present from Bloomington, Champaign, Urbana, Monticello, Decatur, Paris, Charleston and the smaller places within the territory.

The Decatur Odd Fellows had arranged for an excursion on the I., B. & W. Railroad, in which they were joined by their brethren in Monticello, Champaign and Urbana, and the party was swelled by the addition of large numbers from the smaller places along the line, so that upon arriving at Danville the company numbered not less than 500 people.—The Decatur and Champaign bands accompanied the party, and discoursed choice music.

The business meeting of the order was held immediately after the arrival of the delegations, and the Decatur delegates were fortunate in having the next celebration fixed for this place. The officers for the next year are, H. B. Durfee, President; Geo. W. Patterson, Corresponding Secretary; and I. W. Ehrman, Recording Secretary.

The rain, which fell at intervals throughout the day, seriously interfered with the intended street display, but notwithstanding the mud a fine procession was formed, which paraded the principal streets. Four brass bands furnished the music, and the Danville military companies performed escort duty. During the movement of the procession the streets were fairly thronged with people, and the town wore a regular holiday appearance. The address to the order, by Hon. Will Cumback, of Indiana, was an eloquent and masterly effort, highly gratifying to those who were fortunate enough to crowd their way into the opera house. In the evening several balls and parties were given, and at eleven o'clock the Decatur party left for home, arriving without accident about 3 A. M.

A very pleasant episode of the evening was the serenade tendered by the Decatur band to Mrs. J. G. Cannon, who had just arrived home from Washington. The members of the band were invited into the parlor, where each was presented to Mrs. Cannon, who entertained them with the charming affability for which she is noted.

The writer had not visited Danville for several years, and was agreeably surprised at the many evidences of solid growth and prosperity that were everywhere apparent. The town has spread out wonderfully within the past few years, and many of the new buildings—both residences and business houses—are exceedingly creditable. Many of the former compare favorably with the best residences in Decatur, which is about the highest compliment we know how to bestow upon the place. The new court house is a marvel of beauty and convenience, and it is the boast of the Danvillains (no pun intended) that it was built without any stealages. The cost of the building and furniture, $105,000, was certainly not extravagant, when its size and style are considered.

But the most charming feature of Danville is the degree of neighborly sociability, the unostentatious hospitality, and wide-awake enterprise of its citizens. There seems to be an entire absence of that top-loftiness and exclusiveness which characterize what is facetiously termed the "best society" of so many of our smaller cities. The people take an interest in visitors who happen to wander into their midst, and exert themselves to make strangers fall in love with the town. There are places we could mention which might take some profitable lessons from Danville in this regard.

The writer is under many obligations to Postmaster Gregory, General J. C. Black, Capt. Wm. Bandy, W. P. Cannon, John G. Holden and numerous others, for kind attentions. Nor must he forget to mention the Micawber Club—an association of gentlemen who, though they adopt the name of Dickens' Great Expectant, are not always "waiting for something to turn up," since they have ingenuity and enterprise enough to enable them to "turn things up" according to their own inclina-

of the peculiarities of the great Wilkins Micawber—and the one, by the way, which did most honor to him—the desire to contribute to the happiness of those around them. That they succeed in this laudable endeavor the writer can cheerfully testify. Long live the Micawbers.

Blasius Pistorius, the ex-priest now in Moyamensing Prison, under sentence of death for the murder of Isaac Jaquette at Norristown, Pa., writes to President Hayes this queer specimen of a letter:

On March 21 I was verdicted of murder in the first degree, and on April 13 sentenced to be hung, but all my efforts since then to have the sentence executed were frustrated, although I declared that I would not appeal to the Supreme Court and rejected the assistance of counsel. I do not think that anybody has a right to force me to an appeal to the Supreme Court or to the acceptance of counsel. Since the sentence has been passed upon me, it is my right to have it executed—may the sentence now be just or not. As I am now locked up thirty-three months without any comfort of life, I regard it doubly as my right, for such a life is three times worse than death itself. I request therefore, your Excellency to order that I may be executed without delay. Pardon I do not accept, since it is I, and nobody else than I, who has to pardon in my case.

Why He Wouldn't Marry Her.

"Marry her! by George! I would if it wasn't for her confounded nose."

"Nose! Ha, ha! What's the matter with her nose? Is it too short, too long, or crooked—which? You're too fastidious, young man. A woman may be a charming wife and have any one of these deformities."

"It isn't any of them, old fellow. The fact is I like Kitty—like to look at her and talk with her—but any closer relationship I could not endure. Her nose is too o-d-o-r-o-u-s!"

Unfortunate Kitties should use Doctor Sage's Catarrh Remedy, the wonderful disinfecting properties of which instantly sweeten the breath, destroying all offensive odor. To its mild, soothing, and healing effects the most inveterate cases of catarrh promptly yield. Sold by druggists.

The City Sued for Damages.—O. C. Parmely notified Mayor Warner yesterday that he had brought suit against the city for $100,000 damages by reason of the destruction of his livery stable by fire Nov. 6th, 1874. He alleges that at the time of the fire several of the pumps at the water works were in bad repair, and had been for some time; that there was but one pump in use at that particular time, and that after the fire pressure was put on, this pump broke down, so that for twenty-five or thirty minutes while the fire was raging the water supply was entirely shut off, during which time the flames gained such headway that the property could not be saved. The suit is brought under the law providing that when a city has supplied itself with water works it is bound to keep them in repair at all times. George Puterbaugh is Parmely's attorney.—*Peoria Transcript.*

Administrator's Notice.

Estate of **William H. Williamson,** *Dec'd*

Thomas S. Williamson, administrator of the estate of William H. Williamson, deceased, vs. Eliza Williamson, Eleazar Williamson, James A. Williamson, Samuel A. Williamson, Milton E. Williamson, Elizabeth Williamson, Nancy I. Williamson, Angeline A. Williamson, John A. Williamson, Joseph C. Williamson, Mary J. Holman, Martha Saylor, Mary Alice Saylor, Bertha Saylor, Nathan Saylor, Daniel Saylor, Eva Saylor and Rosa Saylor.—Petition to sell real estate to pay debts

Notice is hereby given that on the 27th day of January, A. D. 1878, a petition in the above entitled cause was filed in the county court of said Macon county for an order to sell the following described real estate situate in said Macon county, Illinois, to-wit: The undivided half of the north half of the southeast quarter of section eight (8), township eighteen (18) north, range three (3) east of the third principal meridian, to pay debts of said William H. Williamson, deceased; that summons has been issued therein, returnable to the February term, A. D. 1878, of said court, and returned served as to said John A. Williamson, and not found as to all the other defendants; that affidavit of the non-residence of all said defendants, excepting said John A. Williamson, has been filed in said cause, and said cause continued by the court for publication of notice against said non-resident defendants, as provided by law. Now, therefore, notice is hereby given to said defendants that said cause will be continued for publication from term to term until the June term of said court, to be holden at the court-house in Decatur, in said Macon county, on the third Monday of June, A. D. 1878, and unless said defendants, and each of them, shall appear at the said June term of said court on the first day thereof and answer said petition or show cause why the prayer hereof should not be allowed, an order *pro confesso* will be entered against defendants not answering, and said cause set for hearing *ex parte*. HENRY W. WAGGONER, Clerk County Court, Macon county.

April 25, 1878—w4w

Administrator's Notice.

Estate of HENRY LEHMAN, deceased.

Public notice is hereby given to all persons having claims and demands against the estate of Henry Lehman, deceased, to present the same for adjudication and settlement at a regular term of the county court of Macon county, to be holden at the court-house, in the city of Decatur, on the third Monday of June, A. D. 1878, being the first day of said term.

Decatur, Ill., April 18th, A. D. 1878.

P. F. LEHMAN, Administrator with the will annexed.

April 18—w3w

Administrator's Notice

Estate of JONATHAN D. DAVIS, deceased.

Public notice is hereby given to all persons having claims and demands on the estate of Jonathan L. Davis, deceased, to present the same for adjudication and settlement at a regular term of the county court of Macon county, to be holden at the court-house, in the city of Decatur, on the third Monday of June, A. D. 1878, being the first day of said term.

Decatur, Ill., April 11, 1878.

L. O. DAVIS, Administrator.

April 11-w3w

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For anything you say;
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Just try him once, and you will find
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April 26, 1878-d&eod-w1y.

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June 9 wtf

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Kansas.—Tickets over the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad to Kinsley can be purchased every day at excursion rates. For particulars call on Thomas Bivans, Agent, over Postoffice, Decatur, Illinois. Apr18-w4w

Wood.—Pratt has constantly on hand stove wood and four-feet wood, which he will deliver on short notice.

April 16-d&w3m

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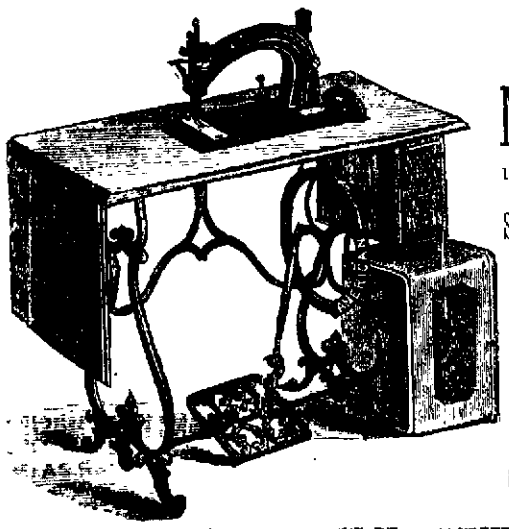

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Cleaning Wells.

Wells should be cleaned out once a year and cisterns every spring and autumn. In the country, if swill be collected in barrels, place those in a good distance from the house; if the wastes of the kitchen are thrown out, dig pits in the garden into which they may be emptied, and cover the earth over these pits, opening new ones every day or two; when there are bad smells in or immediately around the house, search for their sources as you look for the hiding place of a burglar, for worse than a house-breaker lurks about your premises. Plant creeping vines about your doors and windows, for they will arrest and take into their growth many invisible enemies which feed plant life and destroy animal life; but do not so trail them as to exclude from your apartments the glorious and life-giving sunlight.

THE BEECHER-TILTON NUISANCE.

It passes the comprehension that these people should be able to command the whole country as an audience while they enact their worse than Parisian drama, in which a vulgar crime is sought to be invested with heroic interest, and human baseness parades in a guise of lofty sentiment. A case that should never have been heard of outside the police court has insisted on pervading society. It goes without saying that society is to blame for permitting itself to be thus pervaded, but that does not make us think better of the authors of the monumental nuisance. Let us hope that society will now take its revenge by refusing its countenance to the galvanizing of a putrid sensation.—*Buffalo Courier*

M. D. CONWAY, in his last London letter to the Cincinnati *Commercial*, gives this characteristic picture of the present snarl in European politics:

If the better sense of England were now free to express itself, there would be some chance of the nation's recognizing the Mephistophelean character of the European influences which are endeavoring to get them into war with Russia. Although the French would be very sorry to have their Exhibition spoiled, yet even that interest is largely subordinated to the desire that England, who saw them humbled by Germany without raising a finger, shall have an opportunity of suffering the like. The French now see England making a great row about Roumania losing Bessarabia; but why did England give no sign when Germany took Alsace and Lorraine? It would give France some of that satisfaction which her La Rochefoucauld says people derive from the misfortunes of their best friends, if she could see England meditating over a Sedan of her own on the importance of French allies in great schemes. That Germany should be animated by a similar desire to see England reduced is but natural. If England were defeated by Russia—or even weakened by Russia—there would be but one first-class power in Europe. Julius Cesar would be eclipsed by a Prince Bismarck, with France, England and Russia all hobbling on crutches, and all the nations holding out their hats for anything he might choose to toss into them. If England and Russia go to war, the only nation that can possibly get anything by it is Germany, and if this country were not infatuated it could read in the Berlin official press—now pro-Russian, now pro-English—the exact part played by those who set dogs by the ears in a ring.

LAST summer, my neighbors were much surprised at the appearance of my corn field. On one quarter of the field the corn was about double the size it was on the other three quarters. On their inquiring into the cause of this, I told them the piece had not been cultivated for seven years, on account of fruit trees occupying the ground, and that the year before I had sowed it to buckwheat and planted it to potatoes. The large corn was where I had planted the potatoes, and the bugs had fertilized the land, also perforated the ground with numerous holes, and let plenty of air into the soil, which scientific farmers say is very essential. Any way, the result was as I mentioned. The whole lot received the same treatment throughout the season. Perhaps potato bugs may be a blessing after all.—*S. R. Mason, in Moore's Rural.*

Human Beings Living in Trees.

Professor James A Dana, of Yale College, being appealed to in regard to the controversy between Dr. Field and Capt. Codman as to men who live in trees, replies that he is "sure that Dr. Field's side is the right one." He says: "There is no doubt in regard to the existence of the small, degraded race in the Malay Archipelago, their living in trees, without fixed dwellings, their going naked, leading the life of a brute, and that of the most disgusting kind." He himself saw one of them when at Manilla, in the Wilkes exploring expedition. Dr. S Wells Williams, who has lived for more than forty years in Eastern Asia, says that the French found such people in the interior of Cambodia, a full account of which is given in the *Revue des Deux Mondes.*—They lived in trees to be out of the way of tigers and other wild beasts.

THE Cincinnati *Commercial*, noticing the statement that the possibility of Stanley Matthews as a candidate for Congress in the Second Ohio District is being discussed on the street corners, is unkind enough to remark: "Mr. Matthews is so much more successful a lawyer than politician that his friends will welcome him back to the practice of his profession at the bar rather than on the floor of Congress."

CORRESPONDENCE FROM CHICAGO.

THE OUTLOOK FINANCIALLY.

EDITORS REPUBLICAN:—On the eve of the repeal of the bankrupt law of course it might be expected that all the chronic cases of insolvency would at once be wafted into the bankrupt courts. Hence we had on last week sixty-seven cases of bankruptcy, and still others are to follow. The inexorable hard times have brought many of our very best men down. Yet it is strange that more have not fallen. The almost universal feeling now is that the bottom has been reached and that business is on the upward tendency. This is the pervading idea among business men generally.

I have taken some trouble to ascertain the public sentiment upon this question. I find that among the wholesale business men there is no complaint, in fact they say their sales thus far have gone far beyond their expectations. The large retail establishments are equally jubilant. Field & Leiter (retail) say their sales are everything that could be desired. Their new quarters on Wabash Avenue present a scene of activity daily that is a source of wonder to the observer. At the large millinery establishment of D. B. Fisk & Co., there is a perfect rush. One of the junior partners of the concern told me the other day that he had not been able to spend an evening with his family for two months, on account of business. (By the way, he is a Decatur boy, who has been here only a few years.) In real estate there is an incline, not so much for speculation purposes as residence and business purposes.

There is now a very considerable amount of building going on in all parts of the city. Rents have increased on an average about $5 per month. Houses that last year rented for $15 now rent readily for $20. Real estate is usually the last to go down on the eve of a financial crisis and the last to come up. Judging by this, I should say that the worst has been reached in our financial distress. Business men now regard resumption of specie payment as substantially an accomplished fact—the resolutions of the late convention at Springfield to the contrary nevertheless. Those who have kept their money locked up in vaults or tied up in old stocking legs for the past few months are beginning to look out for places of investment.

DECATUR PEOPLE (IN CHICAGO.)

I can only mention a few of them. If all of them were collected they would form quite a colony. McCaw is cracking jokes at the new custom house. (He smokes yet.) Sheridan Wait is president of the Calumet Canal and Dock Co. (He is not married.) Ed. Goodman is stationed at Sheridan's headquarters. Jno. N. Strong & Bro. run the St. James Hotel, which by the way, is a good place for the weary traveler to stop. Genial E. H. Mills clerks at the Ogden house. Barrett & Barrett dispense cider vinegar, at 45 Market street. S. D. Ludden & Co. sell all sorts of dry goods and notions at ruinous low prices, on Madison street.—Cheatham & Alcott are covered all over with roofing and are already making some of the Chicago contractors open their eyes. Nathan T. Fitch is a lawyer. Schuloff has a good position in Field & Leiter's. Geo. Powers is selling boots and shoes, I have forgotten where. Sutton is traveling for a wholesale house. Shorb is building houses. Billy Winholtz is one of the most accommodating of clerks in the county clerk's office. His brother Ed. is a member of a Wabash wholesale firm and is going to spend the summer in Europe. Harry Crea is about to expound Blackstone on his own hook.—F. J. Taylor has just arrived and is putting up stoves and putting down carpets. (and still he smiles.) F. G. Thearle is at Englewood: (is tall as ever.)

MORE ANON.

A DISPATCH from Mexico says that Jefferson Davis before leaving the city was complimented with a grand military review, and that he appeared in full uniform. This refers to General Jeff. C. Davis, who spent some time in the city. When President Diaz first proposed the honor, General Davis declined, but when it became understood that the Diaz government would be recognized, General Davis accepted an invitation to witness the regular weekly review of the army. As a special courtesy to him, all the members of the Cabinet appeared at the review, and in the evening General and Mrs. Davis dined with President Diaz at his private residence. All these courtesies, instead of being tendered to an enemy of the United States, were paid to a soldier of the United States army.

BUSINESS AND POLITICS.

A New York correspondent writes regarding the feeling in that city about the recently published utterances of Senator Conkling, as given in the *World*, that the republicans of New York have very little interest in the struggle between the senator and the president. He adds:

It makes very little difference to a merchant or business man whether Conkling beats the president, or the president beats Conkling. But it is a matter of interest to them to maintain the ascendency of the best interests and to keep the government from passing into the hands of the unregenerate democracy. It is of interest to the owners of real estate renting at half prices or less, and merchants who are doing half the trade they ought to, that there should be a settled, stable government, that they may calculate with some degree of certainty to-day what is going to happen to-morrow. The interests of business are of a thousand times more importance than struggles for political ascendency, or fights over the dead bodies of personal interests. Whether Conkling dies or Conkling lives makes mighty little difference to the average republican of this city, but the question of paying debts, and doing business successfully is a very important matter. The fight of the senator and president for supremacy is a very small matter to them. They say with the wounded Mercutio, "a plague o' both your houses." And it would be well to imitate their example all over the country. The next congress should be republican, and the ambitions of a senator and the notions of a president ought not to be allowed to stand in the way of that consumation.

THE way of the inebriate is hard. What with Red Ribbon Clubs, Murphy movements and such like agitations, he finds himself compassed about with troubles. In Virginia he is hell-punched. In Maine a drink is "out of the question." Even in New York the excise officers made a back door and extreme caution necessary. It has become impossible to delude trusting women with fabrications about being out at a political meeting, or down at the office, or strong lemonade. Mr. Powers, of Pittsburg, has just discovered that the ideas of women on this subject are advancing. He came home drunk the other evening. His wife, who should have wept and helped him to retire, did not do so. She basely took advantage of his helpless condition, and, with the assistance of the hired girl, tied him up with a clothes line into a sort of knot, and then amused themselves by rolling him around the room and drubbing him alternately. They finally rolled him down stairs and let him sober off in the hall. It is very sad thus to chronicle such open defiance of the Powers that be, but it may be added that Mr. Powers sadly shakes his head when a friend asks him to partake.

THE Ohio Republican papers are already discussing the question whether their coming state convention shall indorse the administration. The Cleveland *Herald* thinks "the Republicans of the state will have enough to do in fighting the Democracy and the Nationals, next fall, without risking any needless sentiments about the exact amount of approval the administration is entitled to from the party?" The Cincinnati *Times* indorses this view, and suggests that, in consequence of the failure to follow this advice last year, six thousand Republican voters in the Western Reserve staid away from the polls.

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On January 1, 1761, "an act for destroying crows, blackbirds and squirrels, in the county of Hyde, N. C., went into effect. It recites the damage and injury done yearly to growing corn and mast, and enacts that all masters, mistresses and overseers shall cause to be killed or kill every year two crows, fifty blackbirds and five squirrels for each taxable enlisted. The penalty for not obeying the law was a forfeiture of 2 shillings for the crows, 2 shillings for the blackbirds, and 1 shilling for the squirrels."

ABOLISH THE "PARLOR."

From the Rural New Yorker.

What horrible associations crowd in to our mind when the word "parlor" is mentioned. We immediately picture in our imagination the terrific oppressiveness of that best room, where the sun is never allowed to shine for fear of fading carpet and furniture, where the chairs have all a stately, polished and stiff look about them, where the children are never allowed to enter where what little air there is may never be allowed to change, and where the smell is something akin to that of a family tomb. This is the best room, and is too sacred for the use of the family, and is only kept for purposes of ceremony and for the convenience of those people for whom we do not care a rush. People whom we like and with whom we are on familiar terms, come right into the living room and have a good chat in a pleasant way; but the ceremonious visitor, whose departure gives us relief, is ushered into the "parlor."

The principle upon which this room is founded is all wrong. Let us have no such room in our house. Open the shutters and windows. Admit the sunlight and air. If the carpets and furniture fade, let us enjoy their use in that condition. Let us not have any tomb in our house, where all should be cheerfulness and brightness. Abolish the "parlor" and enjoy the home.

REV. HIRAM DECLINES.

Danville News.

We are credibly informed that a Democratic committee waited on Rev. Hiram Buck, Presiding elder of the Decatur Conference of the M. E. Church, with residence at Decatur a day or two since, and tendered him the Democratic nomination for Congress in this district. But Mr. Buck declined (1) because he has been in the ministry for forty years or more, and cannot conscientiously leave the great work to which he is devoted; (2) because he is not a professional politician, and cannot take time to become one; (3) because he will spend no money to secure his election, if nominated; (4) because he has sufficient of this world's goods to live upon without being a congressman.

This leaves the Democracy without any prospective nominee in this district, and no telling who the coming man may be. We must wait and let him come, and see and conquer him.

THERE are depths to a woman's character too profound for the research of man. Delicate, timid, shrinking, yet she possesses a heroism that rises to the height of grandeur, a keenness of perception almost miraculous, and a promptness in action that is certainly marvelous. A Danbury lady seated at her sewing the other evening put her hand into her pocket in quest of some object, when her fingers came in contact with the slippery and repulsive touch of a mouse. There was an impulse to scream, but repressing it by a powerful effort, she jumped up in the air, overturning the table, smashing a ten-dollar lamp, upset two chairs, and capping the climax by going over in a heap under the piano. Her husband, who was asleep in the next room, was aroused by the noise and rushed to her help. "What is the matter?" he demanded, as she got on her feet. She told him. "Why on earth didn't you call me?" he almost yelled, when he saw the damage done. "I didn't want to disturb you," was the heroic reply. And then the emergency being over, her strength deserted her, and she burst into a flood of tears.

IN a London letter on the crisis in England, Colonel Forney insists that there is no genuine war feeling in Great Britain, and says:

While still adhering to my opinion that there will be no war between Russia and England, I shall not be surprised if Lord Beaconsfield forces war upon the country. This view in Parliament is in the last degree supercilious and dogmatic. A master of rhetoric, and a master of his party, enjoying the full confidence of the Queen, and wielding church, treasury, army and navy, he is the Mephistopheles he is made to look in the comic newspapers. He is playing a fearful game—a game all men play who gamble with human passions. Yet I repeat, his plan of war with Russia is not strong in Great Britain. If it is begun it will be pushed on by the fierce anger of the Tories, and maintained not by the love and life of those who are always secure from resistance to hostilities made in the name of English honor.

BISHOP McCOSKREY has written the following letter to a friend in Philadelphia:

A miserable vagabond, who has been in prison, professes to have some letters written by me more than five years ago to a poor orphan girl. They have been published, and, I suppose, you have read them. The imitation of my hand writing is said to be good. We go back to Detroit, as I am too good a soldier to retreat "while a gun is firing." If I am to be stricken down by the hand of an assassin, I shall fall with my whole armor on.

GREENBACKS were at a premium in San Francisco, on Thursday. This is better than a gold quotation.

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From Tuesday's Daily.

ABOLISHED.

A called meeting of the city council was held last evening, for the purpose of amending the ordinance providing for the appointment of officers. An amendatory ordinance was adopted, by a vote of 7 yeas to 3 nays, repealing so much of the old ordinance as provided for the appointment of a city attorney, and that office will accordingly no longer exist, after the ordinance takes effect. The vote, as will be seen by a reference to the council proceedings published in another part of to-day's paper, divided upon the line marked out at the beginning of the present municipal year, though it is difficult to see what bearing the question has upon the issues which have separated the majority from the minority. If harmony of action in the council is at all desirable, then the abolition of the office of attorney is a question which all might have united upon, seeing that it has been one of the chief elements of contention in the board, and the passage of the amendatory ordinance therefore does that much towards removing the causes of the trouble.

But aside from any considerations of this character we are inclined to the opinion that the public generally will endorse the action of the council in reducing the list of salaried officials. For the past ten or a dozen years the tendency has been towards a multiplication of offices, and a corresponding increase of taxation. During the flush times before the panic of 1873, when money was easily obtainable and few people took the trouble to carefully scrutinize the annual budget of public expenses, this increase of offices failed to attract the attention of taxpayers, and was allowed to exist without protest. But the times have changed since then, and people who are forced to economize in every possible way in their private affairs very naturally take a greater degree of interest in studying the meaning of their tax receipts. The consequence is that a strong feeling has sprung up, in all parts of the country, in favor of the abolition of every office which partakes of the nature of a sinecure and the curtailment of official salaries to such an extent as the general shrinkage of values and decline of wages make reasonable. The political party which shows the most honest devotion to the work of carrying out these demands of the people will secure the greatest amount of endorsement from the public. There is a difference, however, between economy and niggardliness, and it will not do to lose sight of the fact there is such a thing as being too parsimonious. But the people will endorse any reasonable action looking to a reduction of expenses.

THE more the St. Louis *Republican* looks at the matter the more certain it is that Tilden will never get into the White House. To the *Republican* the long and short of the Florida business is like this: "The anti-Hayes Republicans don't want to disturb Wheeler, and will surely do nothing to oust Hayes which must also oust Wheeler, while there is no Democrat in the land who will do anything to oust Hayes which does not oust Wheeler."

MR. F. F. RANDOLPH, of this city, who has just returned from a trip through St. Clair, Clinton and Washington counties reports the wheat crop in the locality named as fine beyond description, and so far advanced that harvest will begin by the 15th of May, and be completed by the last of the month.

OUR Guards and Grenadiers, brave boys that they are, eagerly look forward to the time when their services will be called for by the Governor. They would like nothing better than the chance to have a brush with the Chicago Commune.

WHEN asked to state his creed, the late G. W. Blunt, of New York city, said: "I believe in God, His infinite power and mercies, the mission of Christ and the flag of the union. Have through my life been subject to many exposures—small-pox, ship fever, cholera, yellow fever and democracy; never [illegible] either."

A FIT MAN FOR THE PLACE.

The time for holding the Republican State Convention is not far distant. It is important that the party nominate first-class men for the various offices to be filled at the election next November.

We have heard Mr. M. B. Converse mentioned as a suitable person to be nominated for clerk of the Supreme Court in the third grand division. We think it would be difficult to find a gentleman in every respect so well fitted for the office. Mr. Converse has had a long experience as clerk. He has been for a number of years last past the capable and truthful assistant of George P. Bowen, Esq., clerk of the District Court of the United States for the Southern District of Illinois. He has energy, enterprise, industry, and last, not least, a reputation without spot or blemish. He resides in Springfield. His location, in the centre of the grand division, is favorable.

We should be glad to have the Republican convention nominate Mr. Converse. There are other reasons than those above given why he would make a strong candidate. With him in the field, Mr. Jones, of Pike, the choice of the late Democratic convention for the same office, we think, could be handsomely beaten.

THE explanation given by Mayor Priest for his action yesterday, as reported in his organ this morning, is rather diaphanous. His "explanation" is calculated to convey the idea that he did not know that teams were hauling gravel from the bank to use upon the streets, but he failed to say that he had met the teams on his way to the bank, and consequently could not help but know that the gate was open for the usual reasons. If his action was merely for the purpose of "protecting" the property of the city, why did he not use the spring lock which was hanging on the gate, and why did he take with him a lock of his own and place it upon the gate? If he had "no personal feeling" in the matter, why did he fasten the gate with a lock which nobody could open without going to him or his appointee for the key? If his action was not prompted by a "personal feeling" of hostility to the council, and by a determination to run things in his own way then do all signs fail.

WHILE we felt confident all the time that Hon J. G. Cannon was the choice of a majority of the Republicans in the 14th Congressional district, as he was of nearly every republican in Douglas county, yet, the fact that Col. Scroggs has declined to become a contestant for the nomination for congressman, leaves Mr. Cannon unquestionably master of the situation. His course in Congress, especially during the past two years, has greatly increased his popularity. He has been true to his great trust, and the people have no notion of setting him aside, to gratify the spleen or malice of disappointed place-hunters. Cool, courageous and experienced Republican statesmen, like Mr. Cannon, will be needed in the next Congress to help guard the national treasury from being plundered by the same class of cormorants who robbed it in 1860, by beating back the horde of rebel claimants who will seek through Congress moneyed indemnity for [illegible] or real losses sustained while they were in open and armed rebellion against their country. It will take just such men as Joe Cannon to stand up and shake his muscular left arm at these cheeky knaves and tell them the United States government cannot afford to pay a premium upon treason by allowing indemnity for losses sustained by traitors during the late rebellion.—*Arcola Record.*

A Pardonable Pride

Prompts most people to delay, by any laudable means that science affords, the evidences of physical decay. Who that is in perfect health would not match the bright eye, the active mind, and other appearances of youthful vigor, with the luxuriance, the rich color and beauty of youthful hair? Parker's Hair Balsam stands pre-eminent as an elegant hair dressing, and by its healthful action on the roots not only promotes a luxuriant growth of the young hair, but unfailingly restores gray or faded hair to the original youthful color, giving a soft, rich and lustrous appearance of great beauty. No other preparation so effectually removes Dandruff or stops falling of the hair; its cooling and healing action entirely curing itching and humors of the scalp, and keeping the skin clean, white and healthy. It is perfectly harmless, exquisitely perfumed, and contains nothing that will soil the skin or gum the hair. Buy a bottle from your druggist W. C. Armstrong, and test its merits.

WHEN the new Illinois State Board of Health, created by a law of the last Legislature, began its operations, there were over 6,000 persons in the state who pretended to be physicians. Thus far the board has discovered over 2,300 practicing physicians who had no diplomas, and about 400 who had been practicing under fraudulent diplomas, and over 1,100 medical humbugs have been obliged to shut up or leave the state, being brazen impostors. And yet the board has but just fairly begun to enforce the law.

BULLDOZING.

The following appeared in the *Sun* of this morning:

The time has come in this city when decisive steps should be taken by the people. The outrageous and unprecedented infamy of seven members of the city council, who so wickedly and persistently adhere to their conspiracy to insult the moral sentiment of this city, and to defy and ignominiously trample upon the clearly expressd wish of the people,—to override the majority and to scoff at their helplessness, should no longer be submitted to without a protest. A public meeting of citizens should be called to express their indignation, and the infamous conduct of these seven violators of all public decency and official honor should be denounced as it deserves. Furthermore, the pressure of the public indignation should be made to bear its weight upon these men individually. Patronage in a business way should be withdrawn. They should not be recognized in society.—The Illinois Central Railroad Company should be given to understand that men in its employ will not be allowed to jeopardize the interests of the city with such reckless impunity. These usurpers have gone too far: they have presumed too much upon their technical rights. If they can be reached in no other way society should put its ban upon them; they have forfeited their right to respect, personally and individually; let anathema maranatha be written on their every brow; as they have no regard for others let none be shown them; let them henceforth be ostracised from society and from business circles; let them be cast off forever until they can be made to feel the disgrace with which they have covered themselves and which they are bringing upon this community.

It would be a serious matter if any considerable number of people in Decatur should take the advice of the lunatic who penned the above. Fortunately, however, his silly mouthings only pass for their real value in this community, where people are not actuated by the bulldozing spirit which prevails in Louisiana, and which this brainless scribbler would fain transplant in Illinois. Proscription for opinion's sake, threats of a withdrawal of patronage and the like, are not well suited to this latitude, and any attempt to use them as a means of carrying out the personal or political schemes of any particular man or set of men is very sure to recoil with telling effect. The allusion to the Illinois Central Railroad, in the above crazy fulmination, revives something which it was supposed its author had been advised to let alone. About a month ago Alderman Nichols, who is the ticket agent of this road, was notified in a roundabout way that unless he voted to sustain the mayor a petition would be sent to the company asking for his removal. When the matter became public it raised such a storm of indignation that the attempt to thus bulldoze an alderman was speedily abandoned. We are not disposed to believe that the scheme had many supporters, but it seems that at least one simpleton still broods over it, and proposes to withdraw his patronage from that great corporation because it dares to keep in its employ a man who does not believe in the divine right of the mayor of Decatur to run the city government according to his own will. We do not suppose that the Illinois Central Railroad authorities will be any more seriously affected by the lunatic's howlings than they would be by the withdrawal of his entire patronage.

This latest attempt of the lunatic to stir up strife and discord among neighbors, and to array one class of people against another, deserves and will doubtless receive the just contempt of the community.

THE Albany *Journal* comes to the defense of Senator Conkling, and says:

For a man who has pursued such a quiet and unobtrusive course for many months, Mr. Conkling receives a remarkable degree of attention. He has remained at his post discharging his duties in the most unostentatious way. He has made no attacks, and provoked no conflicts. He has done nothing to foment dissensions or to create disturbances. Only when forced into the arena by a direct assault upon himself has he spoken out, and then only to defend and maintain the declared rules of the civil service against those who made the loudest professions of devotion. Nothing could have been more moderate and inoffensive than his public action.

The Latest Suggested Use of the Phonograph.

Interview with Mr. Edison in Detroit News.

It has been proposed, for one thing, to use it on clocks. An attachment can easily be connected with a clock, to do away with striking the hours, and the time can be told in words. An alarm can be set, so that at the proper hour a voice will proclaim the fact that it is time to get up: after an interval it will repeat it in more emphatic terms, and so on, until the sleeper is fairly driven out of bed. For desperate cases, say for instance hired girls, or boys who are inclined to be lazy, objurgations can be added.

OUR SUBSCRIPTION LIST.

The following named persons have, since our last report, signified their wish for the weekly visit of the REPUBLICAN at their homes during the coming year. While some of them have been readers of the REPUBLICAN for years, others of them have ordered it for the first time:

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N. M. Latch, Oreana.
Henry Traughber, Mt. Zion.
F. A. Brown, Decatur.
Eli Brenneman, Macon.
Daniel Krone, Long Creek.
D. C. Krone, Radical City, Kansas.
C. W. Gregory, Danville.
Robert McCay, Washington, Ill.
Rev. N. M. Baker, Decatur.
W. D. Pope, Blue Mound.
Martin Link, Harristown.
G. A. Bartlett, Macon.
A. G. Benton, Maroa.
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S. Cunningham, Crook City, Dakota.
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Conrad Ammann, Monticello, Ill.
W. P. Butt, Hickory.
John A. Henry, Mt. Zion

THE FATE OF COMMUNISTS.

Chicago Journal

The communists should read history. They should read it to know what their fate will be, if they persevere in endeavors to put into practice their impracticable ideas, impossible theories, insane imaginings, and altogether false views of political economy.

The first shadowings of Communism existed among the Hindoos and Egyptians, and afterwards among the Jews on the western shores of the Dead Sea, from two to five centuries before the Christian Era, but from that time to this its votaries in no part of the world have ever achieved a success which has not been modified with the qualifying words "momentary" or "ephemeral."—Its advocates have been in many instances men of grand intellect and distinction, as attested when used in other lines of thought and action, but they, with their deluded followers, have almost invariably gone down into prisons or graves whenever attempting to combat with arms the fundamental principles of human society.

About the first appearance of the Commune in France was in the thirteenth century, and it fought a devious and rugged way along up to the memorable days of the Paris Commune in 1871, when the organization reached its zenith, but only to make the Seine a river of blood. At that time, with adherents numbered by the thousands, it took advantage of the distressed condition of the French Government—just surrendered to the power of the German Empire—and rising without opposition, soon took possession of the city, and proceeded to declare the Commune at last established as a governing force. And so it was, but for only one month, for, on the succeeding May 20th the Government forces, 75,000 strong, entered Paris, fought the organized Commune through street and alley for eight days, killing 13,000 of the membership, and taking 30,000 prisoners. And then these prisoners—what of them? They were taken into the parks the next day, and there drawn up in line and shot—every one! What few were left in France fled here and there, mostly to England and America, and the seed of Communism thus scattered and sown would seem to have sprung up anew, after its six years' sleeping, in the riots experienced in Great Britain and the United States last summer; and this year, again, it shows a little of its thistle-like life in Chicago and elsewhere in this country. Blood and death are the end of the Communist. Let this be marked as an axiom proved by the records of the ages. His opinions on social topics and business relations are the sourings of a fomenting and rebellious mind supported by a lazy body and fed on the distillations of jealousy, hatred, selfishness and dishonesty. In them is that which the healthy, honest and industrious elements of the social and business world will not countenance, but crush just so soon as the true *animus* is evinced by any resort to material weapons. In the Communist are imbedded principles which will surely turn and destroy the possessor, if left unchecked. "Down with the class which is up, and up with the class which is down," is the motto which means that some one must be coming down and some other one going up all the time. The Communistic leader himself, who, by superiority, rises to prominence, at that moment becomes the hated mark of Communism itself.

But there is a relation between capital and labor, which is apart from sentiments of anything approaching jealousy or dislike, and on which is based the prosperity and hope of every people. On one side is business integrity and on the other is honest industry. To preserve pure these two component parts of society is the highest idea of political economy. Good citizenship is the first requisite to this end, and following in the train come honest government, faithful officials, a pure press, public morality, human sympathy and good creeds preached and practiced.

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THE GREAT ISSUE THIS FALL.

From the Augusta (Me.) Kennebec Journal

The hunger of ex-Confederates for Government plunder is enormous.—Having failed to destroy the nation with gunpowder, they want to eat up the substance of the Treasury and exhaust and bankrupt the country. The number of claims of a public and private character which have been presented from the South for the consideration of Congress is enough to alarm the public. The New York *Tribune* has from time to time published instalments of these claims, even though the next President should be a Democrat, and the Senate of the same stripe. If we can gain the House this year, we shall hold it in the election of 1880. We hope to see a Republican President elected then, but if it should not be the case, we can check the South if we have control of the House. Here is a consideration which appeals directly to everybody who does not desire to witness the burial of the Treasury under an avalanche of Southern claims.

Convicts to be Kept in Idleness.

Champaign (Ill.) Gazette

The Democratic party of Illinois, through its State convention recently held in Springfield, puts itself squarely on record in favor of keeping the convicts in the penitentiary in idleness.—The institution as it is now conducted is self sustaining, but if the Democracy succeed in electing a majority of the Legislature this fall, the people next year will be called upon to pay an additional million dollars state tax to support the convicts in idleness.

A Letter's Remarkable Journey.

A letter was mailed in the New York postoffice on February 6, 1876, containing ten gold sovereigns, and directed to Mary Botton, Aschucha, Australia.—The letter was sent to San Francisco, and was returned to New York. Thence it was sent to London, to Australia, to the dead letter office at Sydney, and thence, at the request of the sender, it was forwarded to Demmnquillen, New South Wales. Not delivered there, it went next to the dead letter office at Washington, and finally it came back to New York, more than two years after it started. But the sovereigns were missing. Inquiry at the foreign office elicited the response that the case was closed. It was afterwards found from marks on the envelope that the loss must have occurred between Sydney and Melbourne. The case was again opened and the result was that the sovereigns were found in the Melbourne office in their buckskin covering. George Wilson, the sender, last week received the money from Postmaster James. More than forty letters were sent from the New York office regarding the matter.—*New York Tribune.*

FOR very many years English and other critics have been saying that we Yankees in our lively climate are extra nervous, over enthusiastic, high-strung every way, they forgetting that Shakespeare passed his youth in a malarious district, and that he might not have given us "Iago," "Macbeth" and "Hamlet" if his frame had not been full of chills and fever. But nowadays it is hardly possible to take up a foreign journal without seeing that some American with his ague and nerves has invented a telephone, a phonograph or automatic billy goat, or something.—*New York Telegraph.*

A DEMOCRAT'S CONFESSION.

The Hon. John O'Conner is a democratic member of the Ohio house of representatives, and lately was chairman of the military committee thereof.—Early in the session it was charged that he had been a bounty-jumper, a deserter from the Union army, and a convict in the Michigan state prison. At first O'Conner attempted to deny the charges, but the proofs accumulated on him too fast and he several times offered to resign, but the speaker refused to lay his resignation before the house, till Thursday, when it was voted to investigate his record. The next day he made a speech in the nature of a confession of all that had been alleged. He said he had struggled for ten years to elevate himself to a position worthy the esteem of honest men, but all his efforts had gone for naught, and the attempt was now made to drive him into the gutter. He denied the right of the house to investigate his history previous to his becoming a citizen of the United States. If such investigation should prove that his conduct in the past had not been proper, it could do no one any good, and would crush him forever. He threw himself on the generosity of the house, trusting that in their magnanimity they would not further pursue a man who was crippled in body and poor in purse. At the close of his speech he sank pale and trembling in his chair, and tears rolled down his face. He then left the house. This scene will recall the only occasion on which John Morrissey, who is to-day reported dying, ever addressed the house of representatives during his membership in that body. His speech was a plea for charity concerning his past life, and in the course of it he said he had sought and obtained a seat in congress to the end that his children might have it to say of him, that though he had been a gambler and prize fighter he had also been a representative in the congress of the United States.

MASSACRE OF HORSES.—The freight train of the Chicago and Alton which left the city at four o'clock yesterday morning, ran into a drove of horses while passing through the farm of Milton Bozarth, near Stanford, killing 11 head owned by Mr. Bozarth and Mr. R. M. Stubblefield. The horses had been pasturing on Mr. Bozarth's farm, and in some way had escaped from the field.—Among the horses killed was a five-eighth Norman, two years old, owned by Stubblefield, valued at $150, and a fine Golddust, which was especially valuable, because it was one of a fine match team.—*Bloomington Pantagraph.*

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THE TROUBLES OF A YOUTHFUL POET.

When Col. Bangs. editor, was sitting in his office one day, a man whose brow was clothed with thunder entered. Fiercely seizing a chair, he slammed his hat on the table, hurled his umbrella on the floor and sat down.

"Are you the editor?" he said.

"Yes."

"Can you read writing?"

"Of course."

"Read that, then," he said, thrusting at the colonel an envelope with an inscription on it.

"B——," said the colonel, trying to spell it.

"That's not a B. It's an S," said the man.

"S; O yes, I see! Well, the words look a little like 'Salt for Dinner,' or 'Souls of Sinners,'" said the colonel.

"No, sir," replied the man, "nothing of the kind! That's my name: Sam'l H. Bruner. I knew you couldn't read. I called to see you about that poem of mine you printed the other day, on the 'Surcease of Sorrow.'"

"I don't remember it," said the colonel.

"Of course you don't, because it went into the paper under the infamous title of 'Smearcase Tomorrow.'"

"A stupid blunder of the compositors, I suppose."

"Yes, sir, and that's what I want to see you about. The way in which that poem was mutilated was simply scandalous. I haven't slept a night since. It exposed me to derision. People think I am an ass. Let me show you."

"Go ahead," said the colonel.

"The first line, when I wrote it, read in this way:

'Lying by a weeping willow, underneath a gentle slope.'

That is beautiful, poetic, affecting. Now how did your vile sheet present it to the public? There it is! Look at it! Made it read this way:

'Lying to a weeping widow to induce her to elope.'

"Weeping widow, mind you! A widow! O! thunder and lightning! This is too much! It's enough to drive a man crazy!"

"I'm sorry," said the colonel, "but—"

"But look a-here at the fourth verse," said the poet. "That's worse yet. What I said was:

'Cast thy pearls before the swine and lose them in the dirt.'

I wrote that out plain and distinctly, in a plain, round hand. Now, what does your compositor do? Does he catch the sense of that beautiful sentiment? Does it sink into his soul? No, sir! He sets it up in this fashion. Listen:

'Cart thy pills before the sunrise and love them if they hurt.'

Now isn't that a cold-blooded outrage on a man's feelings? I leave it to you if it isn't."

"It's hard, that's a fact," said Colonel Bangs.

"And then take the fifth verse. In the original manuscript it said, plain as daylight:

'Take away the jingling money; it is only glittering dross.'

A man with only one eye and a cataract over that, could have read the words correctly. But your pirate up stairs there—do you know what he did? He made it read:

'Take away the jeering monkey on a sorely slandered hoss.'

By George, I felt like braining him with a fire-shovel! I was never so cut up in my life."

"There, for instance, was the sixth verse. I wrote:

'I am weary of the tossing of the ocean as it heaves.'

It is a lovely line, too; but imagine my horror and the anguish of my family, when I opened your paper and saw the line transformed into

'I am wearing out my trousers till they're open at the knees.'

That is a little too much! That seems to me like carrying the thing an inch or two too far. I think I have a constitutional right to murder that compositor; don't you?"

"I think you have."

"Let me read you one more verse. I wrote:

'I swell the flying echoes as they roam among the hills,
And I feel my soul awaken to the ecstacy that thrills.'

Now, what do you suppose your miserable outcast turned that into? Why, into this:

'I smell the frying shoes as they roast along the bulls,
And I peel my soul mistaken to the erertary that whirls!'

Gibberish, sir! Awful gibberish! I must slay that man. Where is he?"

"He is out just now," said the colonel. "Come in to-morrow."

"I will," said the poet, "and I will come armed."

Then he put on his hat, shouldered his umbrella, and drifted off down stairs.

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Hence, the sorrowful resort to alcohol, opium, chloral; hence the craving for unconsciousness, which is temporary annihilation. If pigs can help you, as they helped Luther, be thankful. Some folk, both clever and good, need more than any pig can do, even such an animal as a poetic breeder, proud of its age and dimensions, called his *Auld Lang Swine*. In any case, few minds are self-sufficing. All human beings who have attained middle age must be buttressed from without.

It may be sacred nature, green grass, green trees, gardening, pigs, horses, human companions, worry or quiet occupation; but the longer I live the more assured I am that most men live in mortal terror of themselves. Years ago, short years but a good many, when this hand was young, it wrote a discourse on Michael Scott's Familiar Spirit, which (as the legend goes) demanded that its master should provide it with constant work or it would tear him to pieces. Thus, in parable, is set forth the educated man's relation to his own mind.

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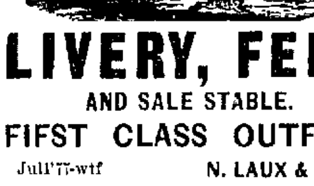

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A. H. Stephens on Lincoln.

A report of the presentation of Carpenter's picture says: The event of the afternoon was the speech by Alexander Stephens. The reminiscences of the gigantic events of the war and the recitals of the heroes of the past were made especially vivid when the ghost of the southern confederacy raised his shrill, piping voice in eulogy of the Lincoln who crushed the rebellion, in which he played the second figure. The shriveled form of Stephens in its black dress never looked more skeleton-like than to-day as it reclined upon the green cushions of his invalid chair. His death-like face and overshadowing locks of white hair turned vigorously toward the house as he wheeled impatiently around and faced the members. As a nervous speaker walks to and fro in excitement of debate, so Stephens wheeled his chair. When particularly in earnest, he would make his chair wheels fairly whirl as he shrieked and gesticulated with his gray cotton-gloved claws of hands. "When Lincoln died, then the woes of the south were at their climax," moaned Stephens, and then he groaned with savage horror at the crime of his assassination. Stephens knew Lincoln well in a former congress, and sketched in his rambling way what he knew of him. From Lincoln he went to the general issues of the war. He (Stephens) was against disunion always, and went into secession as the least of two evils, believing that a community of interest would so bring together the two sections. Slavery was a great wrong. No man in the south would desire to change one iota of the present condition of affairs and go back. Let us have peace and harmony, and dwell together in brotherly love. This was the key-note of Stephens' talk, and when it came to an end every one came over and congratulated him.

A Girl's Composition on Boys.

Boys is strange things. Boys is of three kinds. The baby boy, the little boy, and the big boy. I don't like the baby boy, 'cause he squalls and kicks, and I have to rock him with a cradle. But if the big boy or little boy squalls and kicks, I can rock him with stones. I like the little boy best when he's got candy and gives me some. But I like the big boy best when it snows, 'cause he can haul me on his sled. A boy is a little man, if he behaves himself, and if he don't he's a little devil; that's what mother said brother Bob was the other day when he told old Miss Smith that mother said she was a old bore. My papa said he was a little boy once, but mother said he wasn't, and she wishes papa was a little boy some more. Sister Julia says she don't like boys, and when I saw her and Tom Brown a setting in the rocking chair a Sunday night, she said she was trying to squeeze the life out of him 'cause she didn't like him; but I don't think she was a hurting any place, for he wouldn't let her get up. This is all I know about boys and mother says she hopes I won't never know any more 'bout 'em.

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Boys and girls are born with percussion caps on. Touch them and they explode. They ripen early, in this sun and tonic air, into manhood and womanhood. You can see mothers of fourteen, and see no marvel. About forty thousand pupils are enrolled in the fifty-six public schools of San Francisco, and seven thousand in the one hundred and twenty private schools and colleges. It is about as difficult to govern the young human California animal as it is to catch up a globule of quicksilver from a marble table with a thumb and finger. Is it a boy? He shouts, runs, leaps, struggles, just as his pulse beats—because he cannot stop it. He has opinions, though his beard is a peachy down. He is as positive as a trip-hammer. Is it a girl? She is as volatile as cologne, her voice is joyous, her step a dancer's, her laugh contagious. She is as dashing as a yacht in a white-cap breeze.

READING

In these days, says an exchange, all men and women read something, but the trouble is that by reading in a single vein, which so strongly appeals to their individual tastes and personal idiosyncrasies that it is not sturdy at all, they lose their power to sturdy anything else. The rule for successful and profitable reading would, in the light of these facts, seem to be read only what one does not like to read. The reading which costs no effort and necessarily dissipates the power of study, is that which we should indulge in only for recreation, while that which we know to be important in itself, and in bearings upon broad knowledge and culture, should most engage our time and attention. The trouble is, not that we do not read enough, but that we read so much of that which simply pleases us as to destroy our power to read that which will edify and enlarge us. There are many aspects in which newspaper reading is preferable to much that is considered essential to high culture. It is undoubtedly dissipating to the power of study, but so is any other reading which is pursued as a passion. It has this advantage that it never detaches the mind from a supreme interest in the affairs of to-day. There are studies which separate a man from his time—which shut off his sympathies from the men and movements around him. There is a kind of dilettanteism which rejoices in mousing in dark corners for the curiosities of history or art, which is wise about great nothings—wise about bric-a-bric, wise about antique gems, wise about coins, wise about classical antiquities, wise about old books of whose contents it knows little, wise about dead and useless things, and foolish enough to plume itself upon its wisdom.

SHOOTING OF REV O. G. SHANNON.

Emporia (Kan.) Sun.

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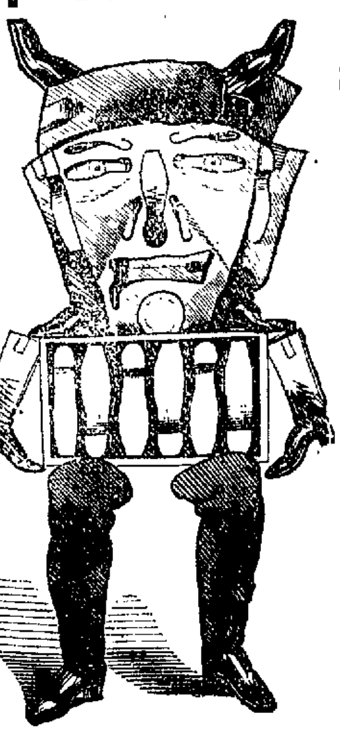

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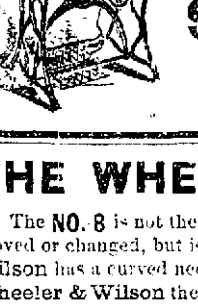

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MEN WANTED, salary $100 per month. ... a few men to sell our goods to DEALERS. ... NO PEDDLING. **YEARLY CONTRACT** ... & TEA IMPORTING CO. ... Fourth Street, Cincinnati, Ohio

LOCAL JOTTINGS.

MR. H. M. WHITMER, the brick-maker, has added to his business that of tile making, he having an excellent bed of clay for that purpose.

ABEL & LOCKE are now showing some of the nicest carpet goods ever shown in Central Illinois, and their prices cannot be discounted.

ONE of the novelties in town to-day was a sled drawn by a gray nag, which looked as if a few oats would be a healthful stimulant.

OUR neighboring city of Clinton must be a very wicked town, as the papers published there give accounts of the young men of the city playing ball on the fair ground on Sunday. The authorities had better invite the presence of missionaries.

A MERCANTILE firm in Clinton announces to its patrons that it has made arrangements to make change in gold on all purchases of more than two dollars. This is resumption in dead earnest.

THE park is now dressed in holiday attire. It has had a clean shave, and all the trees are in full dress; so that all it lacks now for people to enjoy is a nice warm day. This we presume will come in due time.

IT IS predicted that strawberries will be cheaper in this market this year than they have been for many years before.—The prediction excites no alarm on our part—we shall submit to the inevvitable without a murmur.

A FINE iron fence has been built around the lot and beautiful new dwelling of Mr. George Haworth, at the corner of Franklin and Eldorado streets. The grounds have also been sodded, and nice stone walks have been laid through them.

SOME people, who have had considerable experience, say that the best time to trim leaves and vines is after they are in full leaf, as they will not bleed after the foliage is out. It is an experiment worth trying, and it can be easily tested upon shrub or tree that is not of much account.

THE Western Union Telegraph office, of this city, will move into its new quarters over the American Express Company's office, on Prairie street, about the first of May. The room is being fitted up in good shape for the purpose, and the change is a very desirable one, the new location being much better than the old one in every respect. The rooms will be much more pleasant, as will also the surroundings.

BLOOMINGTON is to be favored with a lecture from Mrs. Brigham Young No. 19, whose front name is Ann Eliza. Mrs. Young is said to be an able speaker, and sets forth the true inwardness of the late Phrophet's household affairs in a graphic manner. Should the lady turn her attention this way and pay Decatur a visit, we presume she would draw a full house.

WE understand that plans for two or three fine residences are being drawn for different parties in this city. That is right; every fine dwelling erected adds that much to the attractiveness of the town. With people prospecting for a place in which to settle permanently, nothing has more influence than fine public buildings and private residences. As things are now moving with us Decatur will soon have as fine a show in this line as any town in central Illinois.

PUMP and lightning rod venders find it very difficult to meander through the country owing to the bad roads, but they are laying in a good store of gas, against the time when they can open a crusade through the rural districts. The exemption from their importunities, in which the people now rejoice, is of but short duration, for they are an element in the community that won't be squelched.

STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.—We are desired by the Sunday School workers in the city to keep before the public the fact that the State Sunday Sunday School Convention is to be held here this season, commencing on Tuesday, the 21st of May, and closing on Thursday evening, May 23d, and we are also desired to remind the people of the other fact, that it is customary for the people of the city where the convention is held to entertain delegates gratuitously. A word to the wise is sufficient.

Notice.—As I wish to retire from the jewelry business, I will sell my entire stock, consisting of Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Silver and Plated Ware, Musical Instruments, &c., &c,, at first cost, for cash only. All desiring anything in my line may be convinced that I *mean* what I say by giving me a call.
J. L. KNIEPER,
24 Merchant St., Decatur, Ill.
Jan11-d&wtf

Newest Patterns of Smith's "ENGLISH", Tapestry Ingrains, **$1 00** per yard, at
Dec 24 d&wtf LINN & SCRUGGS.

Corn Planter.—We are very glad to learn that the old reliable CLIMAX Corn Planter, which has a world-wide reputation as being the lightest running and best drop in use, is sold by W. L. Ferguson, 71 North Water street.
April 11-w4w

From Saturday's Daily.

ASSESSORS' MEETING.—A meeting of the township assessors of the county held a session in the court house this afternoon, for the purpose of agreeing upon a uniform rate of assessment.

From Friday's Daily.

HYMENEAL.

MARRIED.—On the afternoon of Thursday, April 25th, by Rev. W. S. Crissey, at the residence of the bride's parents, 3½ miles southwest of Decatur, MR. JOSEPH N. BAKER and MISS IDA WYKOFF, daughter of P. M. Wykoff, Esq.

The invited guests comprised the relatives of the parties, with a few intimate friends, and the affair was conducted in a most agreeable manner. An elegant repast followed the marriage ceremony, which displayed great taste and skill in its preparation. The bride was the recipient of numerous valuable and elegant gifts, among which were the following: A warranty deed to 80 acres of improved land, from the bride's father; six ten dollar bills from Mrs. Wykoff, the bride's mother; a fifty dollar bill from Miss Laura Wykoff, the bride's sister; silver butter dish, from Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Kepler; silver cake basket, from Mr. J. W. Baker; silver pickle castor, from Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Swearingen; a one hundred dollar bill from the bridegroom.

The bridegroom in this case will be recognized by our readers as the junior member of the enterprising firm of Barber & Baker, boot and shoe dealers, and the bride as the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Wykoff, formerly residents of this city. Both bride and groom have a large circle of acquaintances in town who will heartily congratulate them upon the important step they have taken, and the REPUBLICAN joins in the many kind wishes with which the newly-wedded pair start out in life. We are happy to know that for the present, at least, they are to make their home in Decatur, where they at once set themselves to the business of house-keeping.

MARRIED.—At the residence of Elder John W. Tyler, the bride's father, on North Main street, on the evening of Thursday, April 25th, by Rev. J. Z. Tyler, the bride's brother, of Richmond, Virginia, MR. STEPHEN D. COOK, of Sherman, Texas, and MISS BETTIE TYLER.

A few intimate friends of the family made up the wedding party. After the ceremony a repast was served, which in variety and quality could not well be excelled. The wedded pair took the 10:40 train for Chicago, where they will spend a few days. They will return to Decatur and visit their friends here, after which they will depart for their future home, at Sherman, Texas, where Mr. Cook carries on a large book and jewelry store. The kind wishes of the many friends of the bride in this vicinity will attend her to the place of her future residence. A variety of costly and useful presents attested the high regard in which she is held by relatives and friends here.

MACON COUNTY FAIR.

We understand that the committee which was appointed to prepare a premium list for our county fair, is devising liberal things, and that strong inducements will be held out to all the industries of this part of the country to put articles on exhibition. Of course, so far as agricultural products are concerned, everything is uncertain, but should they turn out well, they, with the fine stock in the county, and the numerous mechanical products of this part of the state, would make up a collection for the show that could not fail to be attractive. We call attention to the matter thus early that the people may have the fair in view through the season, which, if they do, farmers will take special pains to furnish the finest productions possible from their fields, gardens and orchards; and mechanics will also have ample time to manufacture such articles as they may wish to place on exhibition. The members of the Agricultural Board are feeling a deep interest in the success of the fair, and desire the people of the county generally to take an interest in it, and they give assurances that the show shall be conducted in a manner that will be unexceptionable to all.

DITCHING AND TILING.—We understand that the demand for tile among Macon county farmers is greater than ever before. Those who have made the experiment of ditching their low lands have realized so much advantage from it that the practice will be quite generally adopted. We are informed that Mr. Stephen Mahannah, of Mt. Zion township, will lay a thousand dollars worth of tile on his place the present season, and other farmers in the same neighborhood will do nearly or quite as much. When farmers have their lands well ditched they will not suffer from wet seasons, as they now do.

Ashby's Spring Recipe for Pleasant Dreams!

Just think of sleeping every night
On feathers filled with dust!
If they don't breed diseases now
Eventually they must.

Then bring your feathers round to me,
Good common sense this seems;
I'll steam and cleanse them thoroughly,
And then you'll have sweet dreams!

The Climax corn planter has the latest improvements and arranged to use any Check Rower to success. For sale by W. L. Ferguson, 71 North Water street.
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The Best White Shirts in the city at one dollar, at Linn & Scruggs'.
Jan. 23-d&wtf

THE ROAD LAW.

Its Provisions Regarding Tax Paid by Labor, in Lieu of Cash—Opinion by the Attorney General.

The following opinion of Attorney General Edsall answers many questions as to the new road law, and will be read with interest:

STATE OF ILLINOIS,
ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE,
SPRINGFIELD, April 22, 1878.

Hon. T. B. Needles, Auditor of Public Accounts:

SIR: In reply to your letter of the 16th, referring to me the letter of the county clerk of Ford county, I have to say that I think the proper way of carrying out the proviso to section 74 of the road law of 1877, in counties under township organization, is as follows: The commissioners of highways should cause the necessary road tax to be levied upon all taxable property within their respective towns under section 81 of the road law of 1877, which is the only law now in force under which a road tax can now be levied. The road law of 1872 is wholly repealed as to counties under township organization.

1. The road tax is required to be extended by the county clerk against all taxable property in the township. Under the law of 1877, the general plan contemplated is that the commissioners of highways shall let contracts for the building and keeping in repair of roads and bridges, and that the taxes assessed therefor shall be collected as money.

2. The proviso to section 74 contains an exception to this plan as follows: "*Provided*, the legal voters of any township in the state, in counties where township organization has been or may hereafter be adopted, may by a majority vote by ballot at their annual town meeting, provide that the road tax assessed by the commissioners of highways under the provisions of this act, may be paid in labor, under such rules and regulations as said highway commissioners may adopt."

Where the legal voters determine that the road tax may be paid in labor, the commissioners of highways ought to make rules and regulations under which such tax-payers as see fit so to do, can work out their road tax. In such a case it would probably be found impracticable to let the making and repairing of roads by contract, and it would be necessary for the commissioner appointed general overseer to superintend such work.

3. For the amount of work performed by such taxpayers upon the roads, the commissioners could give such taxpayer an order on their treasurer, and it would be the duty of the tax collector to receive such orders in payment of road taxes as provided in section 77 of the road law, (laws of 1877, page 195, section 77). In this manner each person who saw fit, could work out his road tax; and the tax would be collected in cash as to those who did not pay the same in labor.

I am very respectfully,
JAS. K. EDSALL, Att'y Gen'l.

NEW AND PLEASANT QUARTERS.—The Young Men's Christian Association having rented the entire second floor over Clerk's milinery store, the rooms are being nicely fitted up for occupancy by the society. The ceilings have been calcimined with hard finish, and the walls of the two rooms, which are separated by folding doors, are being overlaid with attractive paper. Beautiful circular center pieces ornament the ceilings, where the gas pipe comes through, and under these are the chandeliers. In the front end of the front room a platform, one step high, has been made, on which is to be placed a neat desk, and on one side of which an organ is to be placed for the use of the association.

On the whole, when the rooms are ready for occupation they will make an exceedingly pleasant and attractive headquarters for the society.

The painting and papering are being done by J. B. Turner, and he is making a very neat job of it.

From Friday's Daily.

A HARD CASE.—Yesterday morning, as officer Winebrenner was coming down town, he found sitting at Imboden's corner a man with his head bowed upon his knees. He had on a very good suit of clothes and a decent hat, but his shoes were entirely gone, he having worn them out in walking from place to place in quest of work. Upon inquiry the man claimed to be a moulder by trade and said that he had visited within the last few days a large number of shops, but had failed to get a job. He said that he had had no supper the night before, and no breakfast. He seemed to tell a straight story and to feel very much distressed on account of his destitute condition and his failure to get work. The officer took him to the Priest House and gave him breakfast, and the proprietor furnished him a pair of shoes and directed him to the founderies here to see if he could get a job, and as he failed in this he went on his way. We presume this case is an illustration of many similar cases, and while there are many worthless tramps going about the country, who would not work if they had a chance, there are many worthy men in comparatively destitute circumstances, who are ready to work at anything they can find to do; and sometimes it is not very easy to distinguish the worthy from the unworthy.

COMPLIMENTARY.—We clip from the Maroa *News* the following paragraph, which is highly complimentary to a former compositor in the REPUBLICAN office:

George Tucker, of Decatur, who has been working in the *News* office for some five or six weeks past, left us last Saturday. He intends to go into business for himself. We were sorry to part with him, for he is a good printer, and a most excellent young man. We learned to love him as a brother. Success to you, George.

BURT'S Boots and Shoes—Low prices, at Ferriss' Shoe Store.

For the Decatur REPUBLICAN.

DECORATING POTTERY.

EDITORS REPUBLICAN:—All over the land there is quite a mania just now for decorating pottery by the deft fingers and artistic hands of the ladies, the result of which has been to place in many of our homes pieces of ornamental ware that are as charming to the eye, and as handsome in appearance as the most costly wares that are found in the homes of wealth and affluence. Especially have many humble homes in the land been brightened by the exquisite decorating of common red pottery.

And yet, if ladies in general believed that editors knew everything, and that the judgment of scientific editors was infallible, they all would be discouraged, and cease this work, after reading an article in the *Scientific American*, in which the editor writes very contemptuously of the "sticking of paper pictures on pottery of any kind, adding a coat of varnish, an alleged imitation of painted china being the result. Nothing," says this editor, "that is false, is artistic. Decorated ginger-pots are in truth but ginger-pots, and blacking bottles cannot be foisted on the world as Etruscan vases or Haviland faience."

He thinks women are frittering away their time aimlessly and uselessly; perhaps worse than this—are filling their homes with objects which falsely educate the eye, and lead the rising generation to form their first standard of taste upon vicious principles.

However, notwithstanding this brilliant editor's strictures on that which is engaging the attention of so many American women, who are striving thereby to decorate and beautify their homes, I am not afraid of the tastes of the rising generation being thereby formed upon vicious principles. When we feel rich enough to have "Etruscan vases and Haviland faience," our taste will call for the high art that is "far-fetched and dear bought," just like others, I suppose, who, in possession of costly luxuries, forget the tens of thousands who will never even see Etruscan vases, much less possess them. And after all, how much is there in art that is not alleged imitation of something? I have some rare paintings—it must have been an artist who made them—and yet they are only imitations of mountain, river and landscape; are nothing but pictures—are not the real thing at all. I have some fine steel engravings of noted literary men, but they only represent the appearance of those men, and are nothing but paper and ink. And yet this editor utters no word of condemnation against fine paintings and engravings.

I hope this *Scientific American* gentleman will attend to his science, and let alone the women who know nothing about "Haviland faience"—let them decorate ginger-pots, if they cannot own anything else to decorate. High art can only enter the homes of wealth, and I have seen some such works of art that I would not have in my house.
M. L. B.

From Friday's Daily.

HELD TO BAIL.—Owen Roney, who had his preliminary examination yesterday before Justice Palmer, on a charge of stealing beer, was held to bail in the sum of one hundred dollars, and in default of bail was re-committed. The hearing was before Justice Palmer, State's Attorney Buckingham and D. Hutchinson appearing for the People and D. L. Bunn, Esq., for the defense. The hearing occupied the most of the day.

From Friday's Daily.

DOCTORS IN COUNCIL.—The Decatur Medical Society held its regular monthly meeting at the office of Dr. Chenoweth, on yesterday afternoon. The attendance was quite full, embracing not only the physicians resident in Decatur, but several from other towns in the county.—Among other exercises was an essay from Dr. Cass Chenoweth, on Strictures, and one from Dr. J. S. King on Professional Etiquette. The following gentlemen were elected delegates to the State Medical Association: Drs. G. S. Allison, A. R. Small and Josiah Brown; with Drs. J. S. King, B. A. Allison and J. N. Randall as alternates. Some other business of interest to the society was transacted, when the association adjourned for one month.

AN ASTONISHING FACT.

A large proportion of the American people are to-day suffering from the effects of Dyspepsia or disordered liver. The result of these diseases upon the masses of intelligent and valuable people is most alarming, making life actually a burden instead of a pleasant existence of enjoyment and usefulness as it ought to be. There is no good reason for this, if you will only throw aside prejudice and skepticism, take the advice of Druggists and your friends, and try one bottle of Green's August Flower, your speedy relief is certain. Millions of bottles of this medicine have been given away to try its virtues, with satisfactory results in every case. You can buy a sample bottle for 10 cents to try. Three doses will relieve the worst case. Positively sold by all Druggists on the Western Continent.

THAT BARGE.—We spoke a day or two since of an immense grain barge which was left at elevator A, to be filled with grain. It is to be filled with 25,000 bushels of rye, which is to be shipped to Germany. The cargo will be transferred at New Orleans. This is said to be the first through shipment from here to Germany by the Mississippi route.—*Peoria Transcript.*

Pianos and Organs for rent at C. B Prescott's. feb26-d&wtf

THE GRENADIERS' ENTERTAINMENT.

This entertainment, which is to come off on Thursday evening, May 2d, will be one of the nobbiest affairs of the season. The boys are making the most complete and thorough arrangements to give all who may be in attendance a rare treat. The first part of the evening will be devoted to vocal and instrumental music, for which a programme of rare excellence has been arranged, calling into use our best home talent, together with an address from Rev. S. Mac Barney, and an exercise in the manual of arms by the company. The services of Miss Agnes L. Andrews, of Maroa, one of the finest sopranos in central Illinois, have been secured, which will greatly add to the interest of this part of the entertainment.

A special dispatch to the Chicago *Times* from Springfield, announces that Governor Cullom, Adjutant General Hilliard, and General J. N. Reece, commanding the second brigade, have accepted an invitation from the Grenadiers to their military festival. The presence of these dignitaries will furnish an additional attraction.

As will be seen from the following programme, the second part of the entertainment will consist of dancing. The programme for both first and second parts is fully detailed below

PART FIRST.

Overture,.... Prof. Goodman's Orchestra.
Quartette,.... Messrs. Bunn, Prescott, Lutz and Wessels.
Soprano Solo,.... Miss Agnes L. Andrews.
Potpourri .... Prof. Goodman's Orchestra.
Quartette,.... Messrs. Bunn, Prescott, Lutz and Wessels
Solo,.................. Mr. D. L. Bunn.
"The Two Grenadiers," Mr. G. F. Wessels
Address,........... Rev. S. Mac Burney.
Manual of Arms,.... Decatur Grenadiers.
Star Spangled Banner,
Miss A. L. Andrews, with chorus.

PART SECOND—ORDER OF DANCES.

Waltz,.................. Blue Danube.
Quadrille,............ Illinois' Favorite.
Schottische,............ Decatur Guards.
Lancers,................ Happy Forever.
Polka,............ Across the Continent.
Waltz Quadrille,...... Pride of the West
Varsouvienne,................ Why Not?
Quadrille, ... Prairie Queen.
Schottische,.......... Governor's Special.
Lancers,.................. Old Virginia.
Waltz,........ ..... Home, Sweet Home.
Galopade, ... Farewell.

Never Known to Fail.

Dr. Morris' Syrup of Tar, Wild Cherry and Horehound has never been known to fail in permanently curing obstinate coughs, colds, croup, whooping cough, nor any disease of the respiratory organs, and it does it, too, AT ONCE. It is not necessary to take it for a long time before you can discover its beneficial effects.—Its sale in this community is immense, and its popularity universal. It should not be classed with compounds put up by inexperienced hands. Do not fail to give this great and potent remedy a trial. It will not and cannot disappoint you. Try it once. Trial size 10 cents. Regular sizes 50 cents and One Dollar. For sale by Dr. A. J. Stoner, druggist, Decatur.

Also agent for Prof. Parker's Pleasant Worm Syrup, which never fails. Pleasant to take and requires no physic. Price 25 cents.

April 1-1m d&w.

From Saturday's Daily.

ANOTHER WRECK AT SANGAMON STATION.—This morning, between three and four o'clock, a freight train headed westward was standing upon a sidetrack this side of the bridge, and by some means a part of the train extended upon the main track. While standing thus another freight train came from the east, running at the rate of fifteen miles per hour, and before it could be halted it was upon the caboose and cars of the train standing upon the main track, smashing the caboose and about twenty freight cars. When the passenger train due here at 3:45 came along, it was obliged to set off upon a sidetrack to await the clearing away of the wreck, which will probably take until nearly noon, and perhaps longer. The wrecking train went out from here this morning to the scene of the disaster.—Fortunately no person was hurt, but the damage to the engine and cars, and the cost of clearing away the wreck, will pile up several thousand dollars of expense upon the company.

STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.—The officers of the several Sunday Schools in our city are desirous of extending a cordial reception to the delegates from abroad to the State Sunday School Convention, which opens here on Tuesday, May 21st, and they earnestly invite the citizens to open their doors for the entertainment of strangers, so that Decatur may maintain her reputation for hospitality. The gathering of the convention here will be an event of considerable importance, and our people should arrange their affairs so as to devote as much attention as possible to it.

Just Received, at Mrs. L. W. Hurd's, all the latest novelties in millinery. First quality Germantown yarns, 20 cents per skein, Bergman Zephyrs, 15 cents per ounce; also, all shades in crewel. A full assortment of all varieties of fancy goods for ladies, at the very lowest prices.
April 16-d&w3w

Ice! Ice!—D. A. Maffit is prepared to deliver ice in any part of the city. Orders left at S. T. Keeler's hat store will receive prompt attention.
April 22-d&w1m

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TELEGRAPHIC

LONDON, April 30.—A Vienna correspondent telegraphs as follows: "The Hamburg-American Packet Company's steamship Cimbria, which has been chartered by the Russian Government, has taken a contingent of forty officers and 500 seamen, and started to cruise on the Chinese and Japanese coasts.

NEW YORK, April 30.—The Cimbria put into Southwest Harbor, Me., Sunday last, for orders.

SOUTHWEST HARBOR, ME., April 30.—About 7 o'clock Sunday morning the steamer Cimbria, of Hamburg, one of the New York and Hamburg Line, arrived at this place. According to Captain Badendeussen's statement, she is chartered by an agent of the Russian government. She proceeded to Port Baltic, in Russia, and there took on board 600 men, mostly Finns, as steerage passengers, and 63 men as cabin passengers. She sailed from Port Baltic, April 20, and passed around the north of Scotland. Captain Badenheussen was under orders of one of the cabin passengers, and when off Cape Sable, as he shaped his course for Cape Cod, he was directed to lay his course for Southwest Harbor. He has no cargo, only the ship's stores. He is now here waiting orders. He professes utter ignorance of the destination of the vessel or men. No person has been ashore except Capt. Badenheussen and the gentleman in charge. The latter has the bearing of a naval officer and is a Russian. The Collector of the Port has not yet boarded the ship, and no other person has been allowed on board. The ship is full of men and keeps steam up continually.

LONDON, April 30.—A dispatch from Berlin says: Intelligence received here from what is considered a trustworthy source states that the Italian Government is making warlike preparation on a somewhat large scale. The object, it is said, is to dispatch a force into Albania. This is similar to a report in a Berlin dispatch to this morning's *Standard*, that Italy has decided to make a descent on the Albanian coast.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 27.—It is reported this evening, by parties who claim to be in the plot, that in anticipation of the breaking out of hostilities between England and Russia, a movement is afloat to fit out a privateer in this port to prey on British commerce. Letters of marque from the Russian Government are already here in blank, awaiting the declaration of war to be filled out. Negotiations are under way for the purchase of one of the number of steamers now laid up in Alameda Creek, opposite Side Bay. Commissions of officers are also here, and funds to carry out the project.

Over two hundred men have signed articles binding themselves to engage in the enterprise, recruits being mostly drawn from the idle class, who are ready for anything. Capt. Waddell, late of the wrecked Pacific Mail steamer City of San Francisco formerly in command of the rebel privateer Shenandoah, is mentioned as the probable commander, and Capt. Lapidge, late of the Pacific Mail service, is named as one of the officers. An attempt will be made to procure a number of boys from the training ship Jamestown for service as midshipmen.

The parties profess to mean business and will be prepared to move on the instant war is declared.

From other sources it is learned that the Russian corvette Craysser, now lying in position, is prepared for instant action, and the object of her long delay here is to obtain the earliest possible news of an outbreak of hostilities, and at once go to sea to be in wait for British vessels bound to this port.

It is understood that, with exception of the corvette Opal, and the small gunboat Rocket, at Victoria, and the frigate ship which is supposed to be somewhere in the neighborhood of Panama, there is not a single war vessel in the North Pacific to interfere with the designs of the Russian cruiser, and it is probable that the vessels at Victoria would be retained there for defensive purposes.

CHICAGO, April 27.—The Police Department received a consignment of ammunition for small arms, calibre 45, this morning. This would indicate that the negotiations for Springfied breech-loading rifles had been successful, and such is the fact. A lot of these guns are now being cased preparatory to shipment from Rock Island. Adj. Gen. Hilliard is in the city, and has stated that instructions have been issued from his office to the State militia to be in readiness for active service. These orders have been directly communicated to the 1st and 2nd regiments and the 6th battalion in the city, and similar official notifications have been given to the 3rd regiment at Rockford, and the 9th, 10th and 12th battalions at Dwight, Watseka and Joliet. The assurance is given that 5,000 disciplined troops can be thrown into the city within a few hours, exclusive of the city. Mayor Heath and Superintendent Hickey were in consultation this morning over the matter, and express themselves as prepared for any probable uprising, if such an insane attempt is made by the Communists.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 29.—Senator Morton's remains were taken from the vault and buried in Crown Hill Cemetery to-day. The immediate family and a few prominent friends were present. Rev. Dr. Bayliss and Rev Cleaver con-

WASHINGTON, April 30.—The Democrats of the judiciary committee and the house are sorely chagrined that the Florida electoral exposures have not electrified the whole nation. Mr. Springer said to-day that there would be an investigation, but he did not think it would amount to much, from present appearances. Mr. Knott, Chairman of the judiciary, has reached the sapient conclusion that the popular mind is in an apathetic state on all questions touching the Presidential title. Mr. Hewitt continues to denounce the whole affair as unsettling things, and thinks that it would be better for the Democrats to think of carrying the fall elections and the next presidency than to be going back to the impossibilities of over turning the present one. The Democratic leaders generally express the opinion that unless something is done within a few days the whole subject will have passed out of the public mind, and that all efforts to resuscitate would be unsuccessful. The question is now assuming a new phase. It was hinted by a leading Democratic Senator to-day that he could not see why the House was worrying over the Florida affair, for even should Mr. Hayes be ruled out and the office of President become vacant, it would not of necessity put Mr. Tilden in, as the office could only be filled in accordance with the form prescribed by the constitution, which is to open and count the Electoral vote in the presence of the two houses of Congress, and that the person receiving a majority of all the votes would be entitled to the office; that as but 184 votes were cast for Mr. Tilden, he was not entitled to the office, and there was no authority for Congress to reassemble in joint convention to recount the electoral vote, nor to reopen the sessions of the electoral commission to consider disputed points. In view of these facts th thought the whole matter should be dropped.

NEW YORK, April 27.—In the midst of the din made by the people who are lustily yelling "Fraud" is heard an undertone of discussion about the next presidential candidates. Tilden fairly put himself in the field the other day when he publicly declared that he would neither accept the governorship of the state nor a seat in the United States senate. That he looks with consuming ambition toward 1880 is now an assured fact, which has been the burden of much political gossip during the past week. His aspirations kindle no enthusiasm whatever in the local democracy. The pith of their argument is that he was honestly elected to the presidency, and lost it because he lacked the nerve to insist upon his rights. The republicans say that Sammy is a dead duck. One of the daily papers to-day glorifies its prescience in rightly naming the candidates two years ago, and predicts that Senator Thurman will have the first and Tilden and the second place on the next democratic ticket.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., April 28.—The Governor and Adjutant General are endeavoring to procure from the War Department an extra supply of arms for Illinois for the use of the militia, and especially an armament, which the state lacks, not having even a completely equipped section of a battery. The project for having a grand military demonstration when the battle flags, war records, trophies, etc., are transferred from the old arsenal to the State House, appears to be meeting with much favor, and it now seems probable that a representation from each Illinois regiment will be present on the occasion. The date for the celebration has not yet been fixed, but it will probably take place within a few weeks.

BLOOMINGTON, ILL., April 30.—At 4:30 yesterday afternoon a frightful accident occurred near Arrowsmith, a few miles east of Bloomington. Nicholas Slingheff, aged 16 years, the son of a wealthy farmer was plowing. In the same field his elder brother also was plowing. The latter's team ran away, going in the direction of Nicholas' team. When Nicholas saw them coming he endeavored to stop them by heading them off, but slipped and fell, becoming entangled with the harness and plow of the runaways. In this condition he was dragged 100 yards, receiving appalling injuries. The share of the plow tore away from the spinal column every rib of the left side, cut a deep and wide gash in the left side of his neck, and laid the cheek open; also, crushed and bruised both his legs. Surgical assistance was summoned, and, although last night there was no hope of his recovery, the injured boy is now (12 o'clock) alive

The saloon of Christian Reibsame, on Main street, was broken into by burglars last night, and $30 in currency was stolen from a desk in the office.

The *Daily Evening News*, a new two-cent daily, published by Creed & Lindsey, made its appearance yesterday. It is intensely democratic, and began its political career with a most baseless and senseless attack on Judge Tipton, the republican candidate for re-election to Congress.

The season for Coughs and Colds is now upon us. Dr. Marshall's Lung Syrup is the greatest specific of the day. Call at the drug store and try it. Only 25 cents a bottle. Sold by all druggists.

May 1—d&w1w

Ice! Ice!—D. A. Maffit is prepared to deliver ice in any part of the city. Orders left at S. T. Keeler's hat store will receive prompt attention.

WHY IT IS SO.

The editor of the Lewisburg *Chronicle* tells why country newspapers have to charge more than city newspapers, as follows "We are often asked by well-meaning persons why they have to pay higher prices for country newspapers than for those printed in the cities? Why do you charge $2.00 a year for the *Chronicle* when I can get the New York *Sockdolager*—a bigger paper—for a dollar and a half? We will try to clear up the mystery. Suppose the *Chronicle* has a cash subscription list of one thousand at $2.00—that makes $2,000. Well, now suppose the New York *Sockdolager*, or whatever paper you choose for a comparison, has a paying list of 100,000, at $1.50—this makes $150,000. Now suppose this city paper has a profit on each subscriber of about 10 cents—that clears the publisher $10,000. Now suppose the *Chronicle* realizes that percentage and no more—that would make a sum of $100. This latter amount would compel a country printer to live very "thin" himself and squander nothing on his family; while his city cotemporary could wax as fat as Jeshurun. You see the necessity of a country printer charging more than a city printer, now, don't you? A paper the size of the *Chronicle*, with its circulation and price, couldn't live over night in a city."

SHIPPING GOODS BY MAIL.

For one cent per ounce, or sixteen cents per pound, a parcel may be sent per mail from New York to any part of the union. Printed books and some other printed matter are charged for at the rate of one cent for two ounces, or eight cents per pound. The one cent per ounce class includes almost all kinds of merchandise and samples of merchandise, seeds, cuttings, roots, scions, models, lithographs, engravings, etc., etc.

Packages must be so wrapped or enveloped with open sides or ends that their contents may be readily and thoroughly examined by postmasters without destroying the wrappers, but seeds and other articles liable from their form or nature to loss or damage unless specially protected may be inclosed in unsealed bags or boxes, which can be readily opened for examination of the contents and reclosed; or sealed bags made of material sufficiently transparent to show the contents clearly without opening, may be used for such matter.

MARRIED.

At the residence of the bride's parents in this city, by Rev. W. S. Crissey, on the afternoon of Monday, April 29th, MR. CHARLES WENDEL, of Staunton, Illinois, and MISS ALICE TAYLOR, daughter of B. F. Taylor.

A small company of the intimate friends of the family, witnessed the ceremony. The newly-wedded pair left by the 3:30 train for St. Louis, and after a brief wedding trip will select their place of residence at some point convenient for the business of Mr. Wendel, who is a railroad employe

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in the Post-office, at Decatur, Macon co., Illinois, May 1, 1878.

Armstrong Willie	Houseman Mrs A
Barron B W	Hulton George
Bear John	Hulsebus H
Bruskee Henry	Johnson W A
Burnett James	Keirstead Mary A
Bourquin Tules C	Leonard Henry
Bower Mary	Luckey Henry
Broadus Wm	Miller Mary J
Columbus Mrs Ann	McLain J J
Coaley John	Pally John (2)
Crabbs W E	Shoultz Saddie
Desper E W	Stark Sylvester G
Dyke Mrs H R	Stoner Thomas
Darah Geo	Sturate Wm
Dyke Mrs Nannie	Stevens W H
Emmet Isaac	Thomas S N
Epperson James	Williamson Charles
Farrell Annie	Whipple Mrs J H
Grady Maria	Witley Mrs W A
Gordon Walter	

R. P. LYTLE, P. M.

HAVE YOU A COUGH?

That dry, hacking cough is the herald of approaching consumption. To check the swift progress of the destroyer, prompt and decisive measures must be resorted to. A dose of Dr. Morris' Syrup of Tar, Wild Cherry and Horehound, taken when the coughing spells come on, will afford immediate relief, and eventually effect a thorough cure. It will be found equally beneficial in all forms of throat and lung disorders. In cases of croup it is of inestimable value. Call at the drug store of Dr. A. J. Stoner and inquire about it, he will furnish you with a trial size bottle for ten cents. Large sizes 50 cents and One Dollar

Also agent for Prof. Parker's Pleasant Worm Syrup, which never fails. Pleasant to take and requires no physic. Price 25 cents.

May 1-1m d&w.

MARKET REPORT.

DECATUR, ILL., May 1, 1878.

GRAIN MARKET.

FLOUR—White Wheat selling per hundred lbs	$2 75@3.00
FLOUR—Red wheat selling per hundred lbs	2.75
CORN MEAL—White selling	.70
" " —Yellow "	.45
SHORTS—Per hundred, selling	1.00
CORN	.25@.30
WHEAT	1.00@1.05

FARM PRODUCE.

POTATOES—Early Rose	.40
" —Peachblow	.35@.40
BUTTER—Per lb	.15
EGGS—Per dozen	.7
LARD—Selling	12½
SIDE-BACON—Selling	.10
HAMS—Selling	12½
CHICKENS—Per dozen	1.7 @2.25
TURKEYS—Dressed	.8@.10
ONIONS—Per bushel	.75
APPLES—Per bushel	1.25
TIMOTHY HAY—Per ton	7.00
FAT CATTLE—Per cwt	3.50@4.00
HOGS—Per cwt	3.60@3.75
WOOL—Fine, unwashed	.24@.25
" —" washed	.32@.34
HIDES—Green	6½
" —" damaged	½ price
" —Dry	8@12½
SHEEP PELTS—Apiece	50@75

VEGETINE

For Dropsy.

CENTRAL FALLS, R. I., Oct. 19, 1877

DR. H. R. STEVENS:—

It is a pleasure to give my testimony for your valuable medicine. I was sick for a long time with *Dropsy*, under the doctor's care. He said it was *Water* between the *Heart* and *Liver*. I received no benefit until I commenced taking the VEGETINE; in fact, I was growing worse. I have tried many remedies; they did not help me. VEGETINE is the medicine for *Dropsy*. I begun to feel better after taking a few bottles. I have taken thirty bottles in all. I am perfectly well, never felt better. No one can feel more thankful than I do.

I am, dear sir, gratefully yours,
A. D. WHEELER.

VEGETINE.—When the blood becomes lifeless and stagnant, either from change of weather or of climate, want of exercise, irregular diet, or from any other cause, the VEGETINE will renew the blood, carry off the putrid humors, cleanse the stomach, regulate the bowels, and impart a tone of vigor to the whole body.

VEGETINE

For Kidney Complaint and Nervous Debility.

ISLESBORO, ME., Dec. 28, 1877.

MR. STEVENS:

Dear Sir,—I have had a cough for 18 years, when I commenced taking the Vegetine. I was very low; my system was debilitated by disease. I had the *Kidney Complaint*, and was very nervous—cough bad, lungs sore. When I had taken one bottle I found it was helping me; it has helped my cough, and it strengthens me. I am now able to do my work. Never have found anything like the Vegetine. I know it is everything it is recommended to be.

MRS. A. J. PENDLETON.

VEGETINE is nourishing and strengthening; purifies the blood; regulates the bowels; quiets the nervous system; acts directly upon the secretions; and arouses the whole system to action

VEGETINE

For Sick Headache.

EVANSVILLE, IND., Jan 1, 1878.

MR. STEVENS:—

Dear Sir,—I have used your Vegetine for *Sick Headache*, and been greatly benefited thereby. I have every reason to believe it to be a good medicine.

MRS. JAMES CONNER,
411 Third street.

HEADACHE.—There are various causes for headache, as derangement of the circular system, of the digestive organs, of the nervous system, etc. Vegetine can be said to be a sure remedy for the many kinds of headache, as it acts directly upon the various causes of this complaint, Nervousness, Indigestion, Costiveness, Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Biliousness, etc. Try the Vegetine. You will never regret it.

VEGETINE

Doctor's Report.

DR. CHAS. M. DUDDENHAUSEN, Apothecary, Evansville, Ind.

The doctor writes: I have a large number of good customers who take Vegetine. They all speak well of it. I know it is a good *medicine* for the complaints for which it is recommended.

Dec. 27, 1877.

Vegetine is a great panacea for our aged fathers and mothers; for it gives them strength, quiets their nerves, and gives them Nature's sweet sleep.

VEGETINE.

Doctor's Report.

H. R. STEVENS, ESQ.:

Dear Sir,—We have been selling your valuable Vegetine for three years, and we find that it gives perfect satisfaction. We believe it to be the best blood purifier now sold.

Very respectfully,
DR. J. E. BROWN & CO., *Druggists*,
Uniontown, Kentucky.

Vegetine has never failed to effect a cure, giving tone and strength to the system debilitated by disease.

VEGETINE

PREPARED BY

H. R. STEVENS Boston, Mass.

Vegetine is Sold by All Druggists

May 2—s—w4w

PUBLIC SALE
OF
Shorthorn Cattle, Berkshire Swine
AND SOUTH DOWN SHEEP, at
Harristown, (Seven miles west of Decatur,) Illinois,
WEDNESDAY, MAY 29th, 1878.

For Catalogues or any particulars, address PICKRELL & KISSINGER, Harristown, Ill., or Clarksville, Mo.

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Great Bargains

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REAL ESTATE!

Farm Property, 1 Business House well located, Business Lots, Fine Residence Lots, and one 10 Acre Lot,

Near the city, and other property. The above property must be sold to wind up the business of W. L. Hammer and J. Q. A. Oder, bankrupts. Call at the store of Roach & McReynold's for price and terms.

R. O. M'REYNOLDS, Assignee.

April 19- d&w1m0

A Perfect Facsimile of the Real Diamond

WEAR, BRILLIANCY, AND BEAUTY,

WE WILL SEND FREE, BY MAIL, TO ANY ADDRESS,

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The Lefevre Diamonds are marvelous at the price.—Times.
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NO MISREPRESENTATION!

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NEW GOODS.

NEW PRICES.

'CHEAP CHARLEY'

—THE—

POOR MAN'S FRIEND,

Takes Pleasure to Announce

HIS SPRING OPENING.

OUR STOCK IS WELL ASSORTED.

From this day on we will receive weekly New Supplies.

Our Policy will be the same as heretofore—not to advertise any prices as a decoy, but state here, once for all, that our prices will be from

15 to 20 per Cent. Lower than Anywhere Else,

For the simple reason that all Goods are of

OUR OWN MANUFACTURE, AND SOLD IN RETAIL AT WHOLESALE PRICES,

As we prefer to Sell our Goods for CASH, direct to the Consumer, than to trust them in wholesale to doubtful merchants. We guarantee that the Style and Quality of our Goods are equal, if not superior, to any shown in this market, as they are made after the Latest Fashions, under our own supervision.

We Ask for no more than an Examination,

And our Goods and Prices will speak for themselves.

Kaufman & Bachrach.

March 13, 1877—d&w1y

HARDWARE

—AND—

STOVES.

"CHARTER OAK" COOK STOVES.

FOR COAL AND WOOD,

Made from the BEST IRON, BEST PATTERNS, WARRANTED TO LAST LONGER, and at prices as low as any other manufactory, of

CLOSE & GRISWOLD'S.

A Choice Stock Building Hardware

AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICES.

NAILS, $2.75 PER KEG, CASH.

White Lead, Oils, Chemical Paint, Building Paper, Granite Ware, Tin and Press Ware, Clothes Wringers, Barb Fence Wire, Forks, Hoes, Rakes, Spades, Shovels and

MANTLES AND GRATES,

—AT—

CLOSE & GRISWOLD'S.

Decatur, Ill, Jan. 10, 1878—w1f

Just Received,

—AT—

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NEW SPRING AND SUMMER

DRY GOODS!

Which I will Sell for Cash Only,

At Lower Prices than ever offered before in this market. Call and examine my Goods and prices before purchasing elsewhere—call, and I will convince you that I mean what I say.

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